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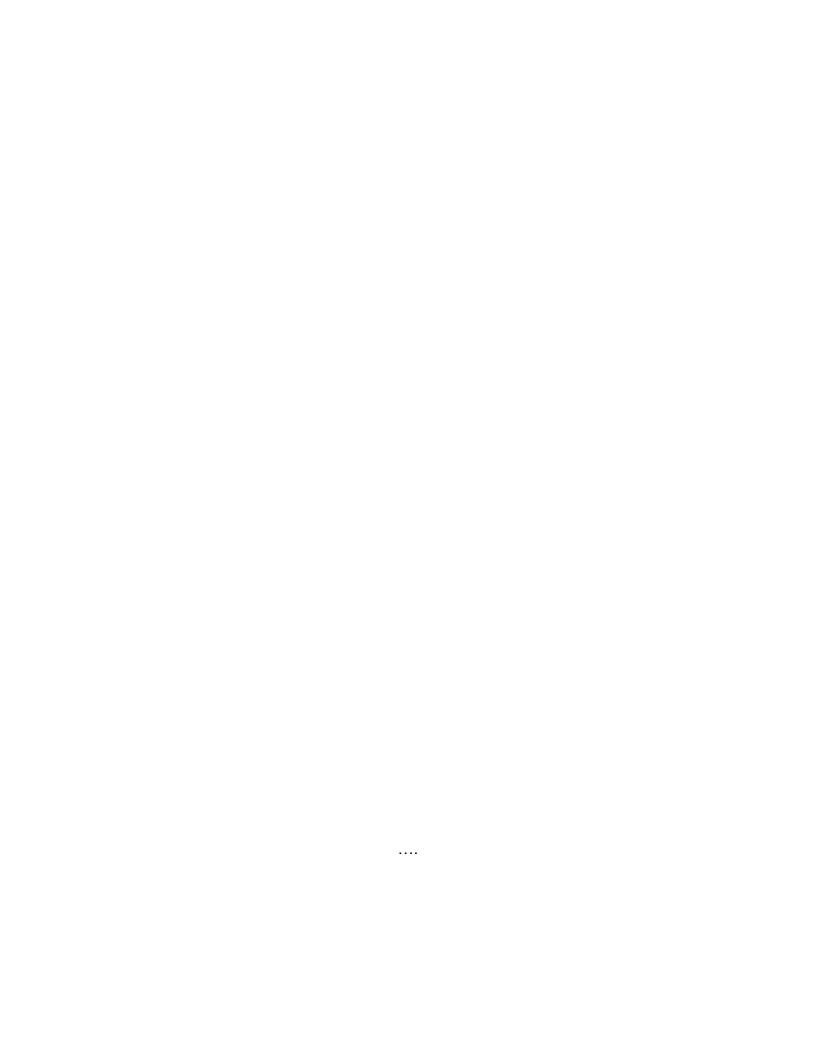


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Vision Statement

Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Canada must be an organization that is well managed by highly motivated men with vision and leadership skills, which is attractive to interested Masons of good character, is well understood, is embraced by the family, and makes a positive impact on the quality of life through the reinforcement of high moral values.

Mission Statement

Scottish Rite is a fraternity of Master Masons whose Mission is to teach, to train and to encourage members to practice the important lessons of truth, of honour, and of virtue. It promotes belief in a Supreme Being and brotherly love amongst all people regardless of race, colour, or creed.

It improves the individual character through the lessons taught in the degrees and through leadership training and relevant programs.

It seeks to make a positive impact on the welfare of mankind through its charitable foundation.

It is a financially sound organization which leads by example



Supreme Council Officers 2016 – 2017



ILL:BRO:TERRY ALLAN McLEAN, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander



ILL∴BRO∴ROBERT STUART WHITMORE, 33°
Lieutenant Grand Commander



ILL∴BRO∴ALLARD BOUDEWIJN LOOPSTRA, 33°

Grand Chancellor



ILL∴BRO∴THOMAS EDWARD LEWIS, 33°

Grand Treasurer-General

New Officers and Active Members of Supreme Council

ILL. BRO. ROBERT DAVID (BOB) BRETHOUR 33° Grand Secretary-General



III. Bro. Robert Brethour was born in Orillia, Ontario in 1954 and attended school in Coldwater, Orillia and Waterloo. He was hired on the railway for a summer job in 1973, and stayed for 36 years! He worked predominantly as a Locomotive Engineer and retired in 2009.

Bob met his wife Charlotte in high school and they were married in 1975. Bob and Charlotte moved from Orillia to Barrie in 1985. His interests include music (he plays trombone), travel and golf. Bob and Charlotte are members of Northwest Barrie United Church.

In Craft Lodge, Bob was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Manitoba Lodge No. 236, Cookstown, Ontario in 1986. He served as Worshipful Master of Manitoba Lodge in 1993 and 2006. He was Appointed Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand

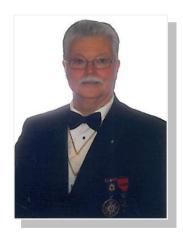
Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in July 2009.

Bob joined the Barrie Lodge of Perfection in1988, Spry Chapter Rose Croix in 1989 and the Barrie Consistory in 1989. He has served as a cast member as well as Co-Director of several Degrees; as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Barrie Lodge of Perfection in 2001; and as Commander in Chief of the Barrie Consistory in 2008. Bob is an ex-officio member of the Valley Trustees; on the Board of Directors of the Barrie Learning Centre; and the editor of the Valley of Barrie Triangle newsletter. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Supreme Council Special Committee of Education and Enlightenment.

Bob is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Rameses Shrine Temple, Barrie's Sheba Shrine Club and the Voyageur Unit.

In September of 2000 Bob was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° in Winnipeg, Manitoba; he was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33° on September 18, 2010 in Moncton, New Brunswick; and served as the Grand Marshall of Supreme Council from 2012-2016. He was elected and invested as the Grand Secretary-General of Supreme Council on September 17, 2016 in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM ATKINSON, 33° Deputy for Ontario



III. Bro. William Arthur Atkinson, 33°, was born in Windsor, Ontario, on September 14, 1946, the son of Bro. Ralph Arthur Atkinson and Dona Mae Thrasher. After graduating from General Amherst High School in 1964 he received his Gas Fitter License while working for the Union Gas Co. in Windsor and then served his apprenticeship as a Plumber. He later became a Master Plumber and a licensed Cross Connection Specialist. After serving as a Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Amherstburg, he opened W. A. Atkinson Plumbing Co. Inc. in 1977 and continues to operate the business with his son.

On May 21, 1965, Ill. Bro. Atkinson married Nancy Kay Ann Stuebing, and together they raised four children, Sheri, Christina, William and Stephen. They are the proud grandparents of twelve grandchildren. Ill. Bro. Atkinson is a retired volunteer fire fighter

from Malden Township. After serving 10 years as a travel team coach in Minor Hockey, he was rewarded with the Citizen Award in 1989 for his dedication to the Tri-community Minor Hockey Association. He is a life-long member of Christ Anglican Church in Amherstburg and served for 20 years as a member of the Board, Peoples Warden and Treasurer.

His father presented his petition for Masonry to Thistle Lodge No. 34 in Amherstburg, Ontario. He was initiated on May 7, 1968, passed on September 24, 1968 and raised on October 22, 1968. On December 25, 1975 he was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge and served as Treasurer for 10 years. He served as District Secretary in Erie District and in 1995 was appointed as a Grand Steward to the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. In 1999 he joined the Mocha Temple Shiners' in London, Ontario. Ill. Bro. Atkinson was appointed a Member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2006 and elected to the Board in 2011. In 2009, he was made an Honorary Grand Senior Warden by Most Worshipful Allen J. Petrisor.

He was initiated by the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, in May of 2010, as an Honorary DeMolay and in August 2010 was installed as an Honorary Legion of Honor for his contributions to the young men of DeMolay. In August 2011 he received the Grand Cross of Colour from the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

On April 16, 1994, Ill. Bro. Atkinson joined the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Windsor and served as the Most Wise Sovereign in 2000. Ill. Bro. Atkinson was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 14, 2006, in Halifax, Nova Scotia on his 60th birthday. On September 17, 2011, in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Ill. Bro. William A. Atkinson was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, 33° Active. On May 27, 2013 he was initiated into the Royal Order of Scotland. On September 19, 2015, he was installed as the Grand Sword Bearer and on September 17, 2016, he was installed as the Deputy for Ontario.

ILL. BRO. BRIAN WILFRED GILKINSON, 33° Deputy for Ontario



III. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson was born in Wingham, Ontario on November 15, 1951. He received his elementary school education in Bond Head and Bradford while his secondary education was received in Orangeville, Walkerton and St. Catharines.

He completed an Honours B. A. degree in Politics at Brock University in St. Catharines in 1974 and an L.L.B. degree at Osgoode Hall Law School at York University in Toronto in 1978. For approximately six years in the 1970s he was employed in either full or part-time capacities with the St. Catharines Ambulance Service. He was called to the bar in April 1980 and began his career with the Ministry of the Attorney General for the Province of Ontario, first as an Assistant Crown Attorney for the County of Peterborough, and from 1999 to 2011 as Crown Attorney in that jurisdiction. He retired from that position in April of 2011.

Ill. Bro. Gilkinson married Sharon in 1974 and they were blessed with daughters Diane and Kristen and son Kevin. They now have been further blessed with three grandchildren, Evan, Bryce (by Diane and her now deceased husband Chris) and Isla (by Kristen and Jason). Diane is a teacher, Kristen is a Registered Massage Therapist and Kevin is a Probation and Parole officer.

III. Bro. Gilkinson is a member of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church and is active in motorcycling and camping activities. He has recently retired, with his team mates, after 25 years of playing slo-pitch baseball but continues to flail away at golf balls with mixed results.

III. Bro. Gilkinson was initiated in Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523 G.R.C. and passed in Hastings Lodge No. 633 in 1983 and raised in Peterborough Lodge No. 155 in 1984. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1990 and the Peterborough Masonic District as DDGM in 2002-2003.

He joined the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection in 1984, the Peterborough Chapter of Rose Croix in 1989 and Moore Sovereign Consistory in 1992. He served as TPGM in 1999-2000.

He is also a member of Corinthian Chapter No. 36 G.R.C. and Moore Conclave No. 15. in London, Ontario. Ill. Bro. Gilkinson was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 13, 2001 and crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General on September 15, 2001. Ill. Bro. Gilkinson was elected and installed as Grand Secretary-General on September 15, 2012 and was installed as Deputy for Ontario on September 17, 2016.

ILL. BRO. JEFFREY RALPH DICKSON, 33° Grand Marshal



III. Bro. Jeff Dickson was born in Wingham, Ontario on December 23, 1959. At the age of 5, his parents moved to Howick Township near the Hamlet of Belmore; the home farm remains under family ownership. He completed his education and graduated from F.E. Madill Secondary School, Wingham and Fanshawe College & the University of Western Ontario, London. He currently resides in Teeswater, Ontario.

Jeff joined Maitland Engineering Services Ltd., Wingham in May 1981, which was acquired by R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited in October 1999. He continues to work for Burnside out of the Wingham office as a licensed professional engineer (civil) with over 30 years of experience.

In October 1994, Jeff met Lois Ballagh and she was his beloved friend and companion until she passed on February 12, 2013. Jeff has two step-children - Heather and Mark; three grandsons; and a fourth grandchild expected in early 2016.

Jeff was an active member of Knox Presbyterian Church and the Belmore community for many years where he played, coached and officiated fastball & hockey, curled and was a 4-H member and Junior Farmer. Now as a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Teeswater, he is an elder and a member of the choir. Jeff has always had a passion for sports, enjoys singing and collects coins. He is a member of 2 SATB choirs, plays fastball, broomball and curls and is active in the Belmore and Teeswater communities.

Jeff was initiated into Forest Lodge No. 162, Wroxeter, G.R.C., North Huron District on October 14, 1985. He served as Worshipful Master in 1993-94, 2005-06 and 2014-16 and as Secretary from 1994-2001 and 2007-13. He served as a Chairman for several District Committees and in July 2001 was elected District Deputy Grand Master. Since 2002 he has also served on several Grand Lodge Committees.

Jeff joined the Royal City Lodge of Perfection, where he received his 14th Degree in October 1993 and his 18th Degree in the Guelph Chapter of Rose Croix in November 1993. Jeff served on a number of committees for the Lodge, as T.P.G.M. in 1999/2000, is director of the 5th Degree and participates in the 14th Degree.

In May 1994, Jeff received his 32nd Degree at Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton, in January 2002 was appointed Assistant Grand Expert for Moore Sovereign Consistory and installed as Commander-In-Chief in January 2012. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° in London, Ontario, in September, 2001 and crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33° and Active Member of Supreme Council in Windsor, Ontario, in September 2015. In St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Jeff was installed as Grand Marshal on September 17, 2016.

Jeff joined Lebanon Chapter No. 84 R.A.M., G.R.C., Wingham in May 1997, served as First Principal 2003-04 and Scribe Ezra from 2004 until amalgamation in 2012. He was elected Grand Superintendent of District 3 R.A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2014-15 and is currently Scribe Ezra of Bernard Chapter No. 84, Listowel. Jeff is also a member of Conestoga Conclave No. 12, Waterloo and of the Royal Order of Scotland.

ILL. BRO. KARL EDMOND SPRINGER, 33° Grand Sword Bearer



III. Bro. Karl Springer was born in Foam Lake, Saskatchewan, and in 1956 his family moved to Northern B.C. where his father worked as a heavy equipment operator on the Alaska Highway. After graduation in 1968, Bro. Karl moved from Ft. St. John, B.C., and lived in various areas of the Lower B.C. Mainland. Upon retirement in 2009, he relocated to Lake Country in the beautiful Okanagan Valley of B.C. where he currently resides.

Karl worked for Overwaitea Foods, drove charter buses for a number of years and in 1981 started driving truck for Dairyland Foods. After driving for twenty years he transferred into the warehouse and after 28 years with Dairyland he retired in 2009.

In 1974, Karl married Beth Thomas and they have two children, Robert and Marni. Both are married and have two children each, three girls and one boy. Robert (Jolan) lives in Pitt Meadows, B.C. and Marni (Scott) lives in Kelowna, B.C.

III. Bro. Springer was initiated into Masonry in April, 1981 in DeWolf Lodge #78, serving that Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1989-1990 and again in 1998-1999. He was appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of B.C. and Yukon in 2000 and was installed District Deputy Grand Master in 2005.

After moving to Lake Country, he affiliated with St. Georges Lodge #41 and Prince Charles Lodge #153 located in Kelowna, B.C. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1984 in the Vancouver Valley receiving the 14° on November 24, 1984, 18° on March 29, 1985 and the 32° on October 26, 1985 in the B.C. Consistory serving as Commander in Chief of that Consistory in 1996. He is an affiliated member of Okanagan Valley Lodge of Perfection, Moray Chapter of Rose Croix and Morning Star Consistory located in Vernon B.C. Ill. Bro. Springer was coroneted an Honorary Inspector -General on September 17, 1998 in Montreal and was installed as Grand Sword Bearer on September 17, 2016 in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

He has been a member of Gizeh Shrine since 1989 and was accepted into the Royal Order of Scotland on May 6, 2000 currently serving as the Senior Grand Warden.

ILL. BRO. JOHN GRAY TELESKE, 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector-General



III. Bro. John Gray Teleske was born in Wells, British Columbia on July 2, 1946. At age 5 his family moved to Quesnel, BC where he completed his secondary school education. After graduation he started articles to become a Chartered Professional Accountant, Chartered Accountant, and after moving to Vancouver, BC in 1967 he completed his professional studies and graduated in 1974.

His career as a CPA, CA focused on public practice. He concentrated on working with family businesses, professionals and not for profit organizations. Early in his career he became a partner in a smaller firm which evolved into other smaller firms until a merger took place with BDO Canada LLP where he practiced as a partner for ten years until January 1, 2010, when he retired.

In 1969, Ill. Bro. Teleske married Susan Sawyer. They have two children, Kimberly and Robert, who are both married, and one grandson, Declan. Kimberly lives in North Vancouver and Robert in Vancouver.

III. Bro. Teleske was initiated into Capilano Lodge No. 164 in February 1978 and served as Worshipful Master in 1984 and part of 1985. He was installed District Deputy Grand Master in 1993 for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon and served as Grand Treasurer from 1994 to 2002. He served as a member, including chairman, of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee for fifteen years and recently chaired a Grand Lodge Governance Review Committee during the 2015 and 2016 years. He is an affiliated member of Cariboo Lodge No. 4 and Washington Lodge No. 4 F & AM Vancouver, Washington, USA.

III. Bro. Teleske joined Vancouver Lodge of Perfection and received his 14 degree on June 13, 1980. He received his 18 degree on March 4, 1981 in the Vancouver Chapter of Rose Croix and his 32 degree on October 24, 1981 in the British Columbia Consistory. He served the Vancouver Chapter of Rose Croix as Most Wise Sovereign for 2007 and on September 16, 2004 III. Bro. Teleske was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General at Edmonton, Alberta. He chaired the local organizing committee for the Supreme Council Session which was held in Vancouver in 2008.

He has been a member of Gizeh Shrine since 1982, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since November 7, 1993 and the Pals Club of Vancouver since 2010.

His current responsibilities are as follows:

- Board of Governors chair (since 2004), The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Learning Centres for BC
- Director of the 8th degree Vancouver Lodge of Perfection (since 1992)
- Trustee for the Vancouver Lodge of Perfection (since 2010)
- Director of the Masonic Cemetery Association of BC (since 2011)

III. Bro. Teleske's other interests include golfing, curling, fishing and travel.

ILL. BRO. THOMAS A. WILLS, 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector-General



III. Bro. Tom Wills was born in Hamilton on August 9, 1959 and lived in Smithville (with some short absences) until 2011. He worked in the family business beginning in 1979 with his father Peter and became president and Dealer Principle of Wills Motors in 1990. Tom married Valerie Floyd in 1981 and they have three children; Thomas, Richard, Sarah and two grandchildren; Scarlett Wills and Peter Vernon Wills. All the children are actively working in the dealership. Tom received his education in Smithville elementary and high schools, Niagara College and General Motors Institute Michigan.

III. Bro. Wills was initiated into Masonry in Coronation Lodge No. 502, Smithville October 6, 1987. He served as Worshipful Master in 1993, 2014 and 2015. Tom is also a member of Union Lodge #7

Grimsby and Brock Daylight Lodge #745 St. Catharines. He became a Royal Arch Mason in Grimsby Chapter # 69 R.A.M. in 1989, which then amalgamated with McCallum Chapter #29 in Dunnville.

III. Bro. Wills became a member of Murton Lodge of Perfection – Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry - Valley of Hamilton in May 1989. He is a member of Hamilton Chapter of Rose Croix and Moore Sovereign Consistory. III. Bro. Wills was Coroneted Honorary Inspector General 33° by Supreme Council AASR at Halifax, 2006 and served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of Murton Lodge of Perfection 2008 to 2010. He enjoys participating in many different Scottish Rite degrees, and assists with the direction of the 14th, 20th, and 27th Degrees.

III. Bro. Wills is currently District Deputy Grand Master of Niagara A District 2016/2017.

►TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 ◀

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 - 1:00pm The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Of Canada

SRCF Minutes of the Directors Meeting

Placentia Bay Room, Delta St. John's, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (To be approved at the April, 2017 Meeting of the Directors)

Directors: R. L. M. Findlater J. E. Ford

B. W. Gilkinson G. L. Greasley (Teleconference)

K. D. McComb
D. S. Skinner (Teleconference)
J. C. Sutherland
T. A. McLean
A. J. Stoddart
G. R. Taylor

R. S. Whitmore

Also Present: L. W. Kline M. F. Todd

S. E. Warren

Regrets: M. L. Munro

The President, G. R. Taylor, welcomed all, noted those unable to be present and, after an invocation by J. C. Sutherland, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the Secretary J. E. Ford.

Invitation to Attend: Moved by J. C. Sutherland, seconded by B. W. Gilkinson and carried that M. F. Todd, L. W. Kline, and S. E. Warren be present at the meeting and participate in discussions without voting privileges.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by T. A. McLean, seconded by A. J. Stoddart and carried that the agenda be approved as distributed.

Variation of Agenda: Moved by R. L. M. Findlater, seconded by J. C. Sutherland and carried that the agenda be altered at the discretion of the President.

Declaration of Conflicts: The President, G. R. Taylor, reminded the members to declare at the meeting should a topic under discussion represent a conflict of interest for them.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by B. W. Gilkinson, seconded by A. J. Stoddart and carried that the minutes of Directors Meeting held April 9, 2016 be approved as distributed.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Status of abuse insurance policy. S. E. Warren reported that the abuse policy was needed, and being retained, as a safeguard to the Foundation in the event of a claim being made against an individual Learning Centre.

Other business arising to be covered under Committee Reports.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report consisted of the Auditors report and covering letter and the 2016/2017 budget update, copies of which were distributed to the directors prior to the meeting.

Auditor's Letter and Report: The Treasurer noted that the covering letter to the Auditor's Report stated that there were "no non-trivial unadjusted misstatements" or "misstatements of disclosure" to report and that Grant Thornton had "received cooperation from management and employees of the Foundation" and that there were no issues needing to be brought to the attention of the directors of the Foundation.

The Auditor's Report still contains a "qualified opinion" clause related to the auditor's inability to verify the final disposition of bequests and donations received by the Foundation to be directed to individual Learning Centres.

Budget Review: In reviewing the 2015/2016 Budget the Treasurer noted that:

- there was an excess of revenue over expenses before realized losses of \$503,000
- \$51,000 had been received and redirected to Learning Centres, according to the donor's wishes
- the portfolio generated less income than required for expenses than we spend
- anticipated donation receipts of \$150,000 in 2016/2017

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by R. L. M. Findlater and carried that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Investment Committee Report: Copies of the Investment Committee report were distributed to the directors prior to the meeting. The treasurer reviewed the factors which affect the rate of return of the investment portfolio. The Investment Committee's report noted that the anticipated return on investments for the portfolio is about 3%. Should this trend continue for the long term, the rate of return will not be sufficient to cover all the Foundation's disbursements. Various strategies to increase the rate of return will be developed for discussion with the Foundation's financial advisor.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by T. A. McLean and carried that the Investment Committee Report be accepted.

The President thanked D. S. Skinner for his efforts and contributions over the past year.

President's Report: G. R. Taylor read his Annual Report to the Foundation members, a copy of which appears in the Foundation's Annual Report for 2015/2016.

Moved by R. L. M. Findlater, seconded by J. C. Sutherland and carried that the President's Report be accepted.

Executive Director Learning Centre Program Report - M. F. Todd

Copies of the report on activities for the period of September 2015 to June 30, 2016, were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting. Some the points in his report include:

- as of June 30, 2016, 146 children were being tutored in all centres by 97 tutors for a total of 7,002 tutoring hours;
- the 2016/2017 budgeted cost for running the centres is more than \$775,000;
- 11 candidates are attending the second Advanced Language Training Course, to be completed in spring 2017, some of whom it is hoped will become trainers. This will help round out succession plans for the Learning Centres;
- the Halifax pilot project where one tutor, tutors 2 children together is working well but depends on a careful matching of children and tutor;
- approval has been given to the Halifax Centre to enter a pilot project arrangement with Oxford School (P-9) in Halifax for the 2016/2017 school year, which will involve one or more teachers sitting in on the next training at the Centre (beginning August) and working towards certification. Costs will be recovered by the Halifax Centre under the

- terms of the agreement;
- Plans for a Learning Centre in Hamilton are progressing but all requirements have not yet been met.

Moved by T. A. McLean, seconded by R. L. M. Findlater and carried that the Executive Director's report be accepted.

In response to questions, the Executive Director stated that:

- the Bracebridge pilot project will be completed in the spring of 2017;
- Valley support for the individual Learning Centres is not as great as it should be in terms
 of both financial support and participation at the Director and volunteer levels

The President thanked M. F. Todd for his continuing efforts in guiding the program and stressed the need to promote the program in the Scottish Rite Valleys.

Committee Reports:

Nomination and Directors Term Committee - B. W. Gilkinson

B. W. Gilkinson reported that D. S. Skinner, and M. L. Munro will have completed their second, three-year-term as Directors of the Foundation and that R. L. M. Findlater will have completed his first, three-year-term as a director. The names of Jason Ashley, Karl Springer and Ronald Findlater will be proposed at the members meeting on September 14, 2016 as nominees to be directors of the Foundation for a term of 3-years.

Moved by B. W. Gilkinson, seconded by A. J. Stoddart and carried that the report of the Nominating Committee be received.

Grants and Awards Committee - L. W. Kline

Copies of the report were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting. L. W. Kline noted that 17 applications for grants had been received this year from across Canada as follows: Newfoundland and Labrador (2), Quebec (7), Ontario (6), Saskatchewan (1) and Alberta (1). Unfortunately, only 4 new grants were available. In response to a question regarding the geographic distribution of grants, L. W. Kline responded that awards are based on merit and that with research institutions being concentrated in Central Canada, the applications and awards reflect that distribution. As reported at the April 2016 Directors meeting the review of the Deputies Bursary Program resulted in no substantive changes being made to the program. Updated forms and guidelines will be distributed to the Deputies in October. L. W. Kline expressed his thanks to S. E. Warren for his efforts in making the process run smoothly.

Moved by J. C. Sutherland, seconded by J. G. Finch and carried that the report of the Grants and Awards Committee be accepted.

Valley Liaison Committee - R. L. M. Findlater

Copies of the report were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting. The committee will be preparing brief information statements regarding the activities of the Foundation to be distributed to the Valley Representatives to be shared with the members of their respective valleys.

Moved by R. L. M. Findlater, seconded by K. D. McComb and carried that the report of the Valley Liaison Committee be accepted.

Office Operations and Insurance Report - S. E. Warren

Copies of the report were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting.

<u>Office</u>: Foundation procedures for the processing and acknowledgement of donations, the processing of Major Grant Applications, and the Deputies Bursary Programme have been reviewed and, where necessary, updated.

<u>Insurance</u>: All insurance policies are in place and up to date. Each Learning Centre has 2 insurance policies, one covering liability, property and comprehensive crime and one covering directors and officers, which include abuse coverage.

Moved by K. D. McComb, seconded by R. L. M. Findlater and carried that the report of the Insurance Committee be received.

Clarion (Editorial Board) - K. D. McComb

Copies of the report were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting.

Moved by K. D. McComb, seconded by A. J. Stoddart and carried that the Report on the Clarion be accepted.

Communications and Website Committee - G. R. Taylor

Copies of the report were distributed to all directors prior to the meeting.

Moved by J. G. Finch, seconded by K. D. McComb and carried that the report of the Communications and Website Committee be accepted.

Members Meeting: G. R. Taylor reminded those giving reports to give brief summaries and to arrange for motions to accept ahead of time. Honorary Inspectors-General are invited to attend the Annual Meeting as observers without voice or vote.

New and Other Business

G. R. Taylor reviewed the program and arrangements for the Foundation Banquet and prebanquet reception. A. J. Stoddart, J. C. Sutherland and R. S. Whitmore volunteered to collect blue envelopes at the doors following the Foundation Banquet.

The president, G. R. Taylor, expressed his appreciation for the support he had received from the Directors and office staff over the past year, in particular, retiring directors.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:43pm

► WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 ◀

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 ~ 8:30am Meeting of the Provincial Deputies

At 8:30am the Provincial Deputies met including new Deputy III. Bro. William Atkinson, 33°. Joining them at 9:00am in the Bonavista Bay Room, Delta St. John's, St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador were SGC, III. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, LGC, III. Bro. Robert S. Whitmore, 33° and GSG, III. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° and COO III. Bro. Steve Warren, 33°.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 ~ 8:30am Meeting of the Committee on Audit and Finance

On Wednesday at 8:30am the members of the Audit and Finance Committee met in the Placentia Bay Room, Delta St. John's, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, with their Chairman, III. Bro. John Harrison, 33°. Also in attendance was Ms. Leslie Drake. Their report will be given in the Session on Thursday morning.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 ~ 1:00pm The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Of Canada

SRCF Minutes of the Member's Annual Meeting

Bannerman 2, 4, St. John's Convention Centre, St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador

Present: 37 members in attendance as per Roll Call recorded by the Secretary (Duncan S. Skinner joined the meeting by teleconference)

The President, G. R. Taylor, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and thanked all those in attendance. He noted that Honorary Inspectors-General are invited to attend the Foundation's Annual Meeting "without voice or vote". The Grand Prior, M. D. H. Farr, then offered the invocation.

Notice of the meeting was read by the Secretary, J. E. Ford.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by L. W. Kline, seconded by J. W. Trousdale and carried that the agenda be accepted as presented.

Variation of Agenda: Moved by M. Ward, seconded by M. D. H. Farr and carried that the agenda be varied at the discretion of the Chairman.

Declaration of Conflicts: The President G. R. Taylor reminded the members to declare at the meeting should a topic under discussion represent a conflict of interest for them.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by J. C. Sutherland, seconded by M. F. Todd and carried that the minutes of the Annual Members Meeting held September 16, 2015 at Windsor, Ontario be approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report, Auditor's Report, 2016/2017 Budget Report and Investment Committee Report: Copies of the above reports were distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by J. C. Sutherland and carried that the Treasurer's report, as written and distributed, be accepted.

Auditors Report: The Treasurer read that part of the Auditor's Report from the firm of Grant Thornton relating to the qualified opinion. Otherwise Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by L. W. Kline and carried that the auditor's report and financial statements be approved.

Budget Performance: The Treasurer reviewed the 2016/2017 Budget as compared to the 2015/2016 Budget.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by J. C. Sutherland and carried that the budget report be accepted.

Investment Committee: The treasurer reviewed the factors which affect the rate of return of the investment portfolio. Investments are anticipated to provide a return of 3% which would generate about \$500,000 in income. The committee will be discussing investment strategies which will produce higher returns with the Foundation's financial advisor.

Moved by D. S. Skinner, seconded by T. A. McLean and carried that the Investment Committee report be accepted.

President's Report: G. R. Taylor gave a brief summary of the President's Report which is printed in the Foundation's Annual Report.

Moved by A. B. Loopstra seconded by W. A. Davis and carried that the President's Report be accepted.

Learning Centre Report: M. F. Todd advised the Members that his report had been submitted and approved by the Board of Directors. A summary of his report appears in the Foundation's Annual Report.

Moved by M. F. Todd, seconded by K. D. McComb and carried that the Executive Director's Report be accepted.

Committee Reports

Nominating and Directors Terms Committee: B. W. Gilkinson informed the members that M. L. Munro and D. S. Skinner had completed their terms as Directors of the Foundation and that R. L. M. Findlater had completed his first term as director. He presented the following names for election to the Board of Directors for a term of 3 years:

- Jason Ashley Sudbury
- Karl Springer Kelowna
- Ronald Findlater Woodstock (Second Term)

Moved by B. W. Gilkinson, seconded by A. B. Loopstra and carried that the report of the Nomination Committee be approved.

The president, G. R. Taylor informed the members that D. S. Skinner had agreed to continue as the Foundation's treasurer.

Grants & Awards: L. W. Kline stated that his report was on file with the Secretary and announced the new and continuing grants for this year. He expressed his appreciation for the assistance given by S. E. Warren, B. W. Gilkinson and the office staff.

Moved by L. W. Kline, seconded by J. G. Finch and carried that the Grants and Awards Committee Report be accepted.

Valley Liaison: A copy of the report was distributed to the members prior to the meeting. The committee plans to issue informational statements to the Valley Representatives which would feature activities of the Learning Centres and funded research which are intended to be shared with the valley members.

Moved by M. F. Todd, seconded by M. D. H. Farr that the Valley Liaison Report be accepted.

Foundation Office and the Insurance Committee: S. E. Warren reviewed the Foundation's insurance policies currently in place. He noted that the abuse policy has been retained as protection for the Foundation should a Learning Centre become involved in an abuse lawsuit.

Moved by B. W. Gilkinison seconded by W. A. Atkinson that the report of the Supreme Council Office and the Insurance Committee be accepted.

Clarion: K. D. McComb reported that the 2017 edition of the Clarion would feature an expanded variety of content, e.g. descriptions of individual research projects funded by the Foundation, the Learning Centre Program, local Scottish Rite Week activities.

Moved by K. D. McComb, seconded by A. B. Loopstra and carried that the report of the Clarion be accepted.

Communications and Website Committee: A copy of the report was distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

Moved by T. A. McLean, seconded by R. A. H. Brown and carried that the Communications Committee Report be accepted.

New and Other Business

Approval of the Actions of the Directors: Moved by R. D. Brethour, seconded by J. E. Harrison and carried that all actions of the Board of Directors during the last term of office be approved.

Appointment of Auditors: Moved by S. Godfrey seconded by K. E. Springer and carried that the chartered accounting firm of Grant Thornton be retained as auditors for the fiscal year 2016/2017.

Foundation Annual Report: Moved by A. B. Loopstra, seconded by R. D. Brethour and carried that the Annual Report of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation be transmitted to Supreme Council.

Reminders

- banquet arrangements were outlined
- a brief Directors meeting to be held immediately following the close of the sessions on Friday morning, September 16, 2016 to elect and appoint the officers for 2016/2017

The meeting adjourned at 1:59pm.

Executive Session 1

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 ~ 2:30pm

Bannerman 2 & 4, St. John's Conference Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

At 2:30pm the first Executive Session of the 142nd Annual Session was held in the Bannerman 2 & 4, St. John's Conference Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador with III. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander presiding. The Sovereign Grand Commander welcomed everyone to the 142nd Annual Session of Supreme Council in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

By virtue of the powers conferred under Article 5 (c) of the Statutes of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, the days commencing on Wednesday, September 14 continuing through Thursday, September 15 are hereby designated as Executive Sessions to be a part of the above Annual Sessions and, accordingly, we summon the Active and Past Active Members of our Council to attend there at.

Although the Statutes and Regulations do not allow Honorary Inspectors-General to attend the Executive Sessions, the Sovereign Grand Commander, by special dispensation, invites you to attend, as observers, those Executive Sessions taking place on Wednesday, September 14 and Thursday, September 15. Please come and see your Supreme Council as it conducts its business. I hereby declare the 142nd Annual Session of this Supreme Council duly constituted and open.

SGC: I will say since everyone in this room is Illustrious Brother, I'll only say it once and that's it, and I'll just refer to your names from now on as we move through the agenda.

I would ask if our Grand Prior Michael Farr would give us a prayer.

Grand Prior: God our Heavenly Father, we hold up before you this day the Members of Supreme Council. We pray that all that we do and say will be to your glory and not to our own. We pray that decisions made here will be for the good of Scottish Rite Masonry in Canada. Amen.

SGC: Thank you, Michael.

Now I'll call for some procedural motions by Rob Whitmore, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Rob Whitmore, 33° and Brian Gilkinson, 33° that the Chief Operating Officer, Executive Secretary III. Bro. Steven Warren, 33° be permitted to attend the Executive Sessions.

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions or discussion?

I'll call for the vote. All in favour? CARRIED

Allard, could you bring in Steve?

Welcome, Steve.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Rob Whitmore, 33° and Brian Gilkinson, 33° that the Honorary Inspectors-General are invited to attend the Executive Sessions on the invitation of the Sovereign Grand Commander, without voice or vote.

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the motion properly proposed and seconded. Are there any questions or discussion?

I'll call for the vote then: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Rob Whitmore, 33° and Brian Gilkinson, 33° that the Minutes of the Annual Session held in Windsor September 15 to 19, 2015 are hereby adopted as circulated in the proceedings.

SGC: You've heard the motion properly proposed and seconded. Any questions or discussions?

I'll call for the vote: All in favour? CARRIED.

I'll call for a motion now to alter the order of the Agenda from PSGC Harold Cosby, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bro. Harold Crosby, 33° and III. Bro. Matt Todd, 33° that the Sovereign Grand Commander be authorized to alter the order of the matters on the Agenda.

SGC: Thank you. You've heard the motion properly proposed and seconded. Any questions or discussion?

I'll call for the vote: All in favour? CARRIED.

Just for your information, the registration for St. John's, we have 180 Members and 149 Companions. We've got 35 candidates and 28 spouses of the candidates. We have 26 guests and special visitors. That's a total of 418, which is very good.

I'll explain the procedure for presenting the reports and addressing the Executive Committee: Please walk to the nearest mic when you're presenting, state your name and speak clearly for recording purposes, because we record all the proceedings and that's how our transcribers record the information.

Most of the chairmen have received an e-mail to be brief except for reports like the audit and finance that has to be given in its entirety.

I will also update you and talk about five ad hoc committees that I have put in place over the year and I'll give you where the status is or any results from those committees as we go through the Agenda.

Now, the following brethren will be retiring to Past Active rank effective Friday, September 16th at midnight, so you could say 1941 was a good year.

Requests for retirement to Past Active rank, age-related, is Victor Lepp, Deputy for Ontario, Active Valley of Hamilton and Michael Ward, Active Valley of Vancouver.

I would ask at this time if Vic Lepp would like to make some comments on behalf of yourself and Michael.

III. Bro. Lepp: Not to be defiant, Sovereign Grand Commander, but I've asked Michael to join me, as well.

SGC: Very good. Well done.

III. Bro. Lepp: It took a lot of arm twisting.

SGC: It must have.

III. Bro. Ward: Sovereign Grand Commander, thank you for the opportunity to say a few words. Your timing is impeccable, because today I just turned 75. I'm already told I'm going Past Active, so I'm not going to hang around too long. There you go. Thank you.

Anyway, looking back to 1998, when I was made an Honorary Inspector-General in Montreal, and since then having attended Supreme Councils, I have enjoyed the experience immensely. In 2000, in Winnipeg, I was made an Active Member and subsequently went on to be Deputy of British Columbia.

I think just to sum it up in short words, I think the whole experience could be summed up to the people that you meet as you travel around, and the people that you meet at Supreme Council, which have made it such a rewarding experience for me.

The Brother that initiated my having the opportunity get my 33° was III. Bro. Stan Andrews, who actually got his 33° here in St. John's in 1990, went on from there and took over for Dick Barr as Deputy. I had the opportunity to serve with III. Bro. Norm Byrne and III. Bro. Orlan Weber and for some time with III. Bro. Robert Townshend who, you know, through the experiences of travel around the provinces, you develop a friendship which still carries. Not with some of those individuals, because unfortunately we've lost them, but with their families. So I look forward to stepping down, with some reservation, but I hope I can be of service to you in the future.

Thank you.

SGC: Thank you very much, Michael.

III. Bro. Lepp: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren, I can't believe how fast five years can fly. It was a cool spring morning at our house when the phone rang. I checked the number, didn't recognize it, answered it, fully expecting somebody to try to sell me duct cleaning, or whatever, to our furnace, as usually happens at that time of day. I thought well, I'll be smart. I said, 'We don't have any ducts. Do you clean chickens?' No, they wanted no part of that.

To my surprise instead, a friendly voice informed me that it was Harold Crosby calling and did I have a few minutes to chat. In the course of our conversation he stated that my name had come up regarding becoming an Active, with the office of Deputy for Ontario. If I were elected, would I accept the position. At the end of our conversation he also informed me that I was not to discuss this with others until it had passed the upcoming Supreme Council Sessions.

I must confess, I felt a little like the football player in that old chestnut who had just received the greatest pep talk in the world, turned around ready to raise havoc on the field, only to find the door to the dressing room locked. What do I do with this? I was very excited.

So I want to take a few moments this afternoon just to say thank you. What a thrill it has been for me to be able to work at this level of Masonry, not only to be part of Supreme Council, but also the association with the work of my fellow Deputies. Life as a Deputy has been a continual work in progress, we hope for the betterment of the Craft. It has been truly exciting to be part of that experience.

For me, the most rewarding function has been the work with the Valleys. Prior to becoming a Deputy I had never thought too much about what life was like in the other Valleys, especially some of the smaller ones. It was a privilege to observe the creativity and resourcefulness at work as they produced the Degrees under all kinds of handicaps and difficulties and still presented the candidates with the teaching and an experience that was exciting, sincere and, more often than not, truly inspirational.

Having had the opportunity to be an Active and a Deputy has given me the privilege of meeting, getting to know and working with some of the greatest people in Masonry. For that I thank you and for that I will be forever grateful.

Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Vic. Thank you, Vic and Michael, and the Supreme Council thanks you for your service as Active members and I trust it will continue as a Past Active.

And happy birthday, Michael.

III. Bro. Ward: Thank you.

SGC: Now we'll have the report of the Nomination Committee. Richard Brown, if you could report on the Honorary Members.

IPSGC Brown: Good afternoon, brethren. You'll have to bear with me, this is the first time I have chaired this Committee and I'm looking directly over at Harold who did this so well for so many years. I am hoping I don't disappoint.

I just wanted to make a comment before I started. Karl, I'm not sure, but when I was on the plane the day before yesterday I was looking through reports and things and it seems to me you got your Honorary in Montreal in 1998, as well. Is that correct?

III. Bro. Springer: Correct.

IPSGC Brown: And so, Michael mentioned that in his retirement remarks, and I got mine in Montreal in 1998. So who have thought – we certainly wouldn't have then – that three of us would have ended up on the Supreme Council.

I say that because what I'm going to do now is inform you who the nominations are to become Honorary Inspectors-General in Montreal next year, in 2017. Hopefully in that group of 49 there will be some Honorary Inspectors-General who will see their way on as Active Members in the governing body for our Supreme Council in the future. We just don't know, but we always have to be mindful of that.

The Report on Membership Nominations, Sovereign Grand Commander, there are 49 nominations for Honorary Inspector-General. Each of the nominees meets the requirements of Article 10 of the Constitution, and each of the nominations were completed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

	Candidates	Valley
1	Stephen Hazen Allen	Moncton
2	Kaled Almadini	Montreal
3	Richard Bauch	Thunder Bay
4	Dwight Brainerd Blyden-Taylor	Toronto
5	James William Bowick	Kingston
6	Darren Joshua Byrne	Peterborough
7	Bertram Ralph Chambers	Brandon
8	Donald Glenwood Coates	Barrie
9	Edward John Codack	Toronto
10	Brentnall Gordon Collins	Toronto
11	Jeffrey Edward Davidson	London
12	Brian Donald Dayman	Guelph
13	William Ralph Denison	Hamilton
14	Peter Mason Fisher	Sarnia
15	Leonard Stanley Fraser	Fraser Valley
16	Jean-Roland Georges	Montreal (F)
17	Whitman Joseph Giffin	Halifax
18	Calvin Lloyd Goodman	Saskatoon
19	Robert George Gordon	Hamilton
20	Donald Frederick Hart	Edmonton
21	Scott Douglas Howie	Ottawa
22	James Darryl Hunt	Edmonton
23	William Austin Hunter	Winnipeg
24	Bruce Malcolm Jardine	Regina
25	Brian Thomas Kiernan	Hamilton
26	Jacques Lacourse	North Bay
27	Ian Maxwell Lafleur	Toronto
28	Joseph Winnett Lewis	Hamilton
29	William Henry Ley	Victoria
30	Richard John Maloney	Medicine Hat
31	Arthur James McDonald	Windsor
32	Ronald Joseph Muha	Niagara
33	Benson Frederick Mullen	Sudbury
34	Robert Allan Ough	Peterborough
35	William Kim Parkyn	Calgary
36	Mark Pogue	Ottawa
37	Maurice Brett Rakurson	Castlegar/Nelson
38	John Revell	Windsor
39	Norris Jonathan Reynolds	Chatham
40	James Scott Rowe	Barrie
41	Brian Siegfied	Thunder Bay

42 Terrance Ernest Skelton Central Alberta 43 Dennis John Skuce Saskatoon 44 Kenneth Earl Slawson Nanaimo 45 Leonard Randle Timmins Prince George Graeme Gradner Wallace Vancouver 47 Robert Stanley Whitmarsh Barrie 48 James Munroe Wilson Halifax 49 Edmonton Allen Wingrave

So in total, there are 49 nominations. I shared with the Deputies this morning sort of a statistical analysis of those nominations and how they compared to the last few years. I think we were 37 last year. This is the first year without the entitlement.

The average age of these nominees, if they are approved and arrive in Montreal next year, will be 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ at that point, and the average number of years being reported on the nominations in terms of them being a 32^{nd} Degree Scottish Rite Mason in Canada is about $18 \frac{1}{2}$ years. The youngest will be in his early forties, and the oldest 99 next year. The years of service being a 32^{nd} vary from 5 years minimum to 65 years maximum in the service of Scottish Rite.

Two other little statistics I found interesting. Of the 49 nominees, 48 served as Worshipful Master of a Lodge, and 33, or two-thirds of the 49, served Scottish Rite as a Presiding Officer in one of the Bodies. Some more than one, but at least one. So that's sort of a general background.

Now, if anybody has any question about any of the individuals, if they speak to me, I do have copies of their nominations with me and hopefully can address any questions.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Richard Brown, 33° and Matt Todd, 33° that the report on Advancement to Honorary Inspectors-General in Montreal in 2017 be received and the vote cast at the Executive Session on Thursday morning.

SGC: So you've heard the motion moved and seconded, first of all I will ask: Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations?

Hearing none, I will call for the vote to receive the Report on Honorary Members. All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

IPSGC Brown: Thank you.

SGC: That is the reception of the report and we will vote on the nominees Thursday morning. Is there any request for extension of time to receive the 33°?

A request for an extension was reported by III. Bro. John Trousdale, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. John Trousdale, 33° and Gareth Taylor, 33° that David John Quinn from Valley of Kingston be given an extension to receive his 33° next year in Montreal.

SGC: You've heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions or discussion? Hearing none, we'll call for the vote. All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you. Grand Secretary-General, do you have a list of members of this Supreme Council requesting a demit?

GSG: I do, Sovereign Grand Commander. There are two lists dealing with each of the last two years. The names are as follows:

2014-2015 Demits

NameValleyJohn Bernard CHIVERSHamiltonThomas James DICKEYCalgaryRobert Donald McSWEENFraser ValleyDonald Wayne STEELEWinnipeg

2015-2016 Demits

NameValleyDonald Gordon BIRDSELLFraser ValleyDouglas Franklyn HUGHESCalgaryRobert Cameron KERRVernonRoger Leon LINTAMANHalifaxDavid Norman RALPHSt. John'sRobert Fraser GRINDLAYMontreal

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. And that's just for information for Supreme Council.

At this time I will call on Richard Brown for the Report on Active Members.

IPSGC Brown: Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren, the second part of my Report is the nominations for Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General. As we heard earlier, we have two members going to Past Active rank and they need to be replaced. So the Committee is recommending that we receive the nominations from: Thomas Arthur Wills, 33°, Valley of Hamilton, to replace Ill. Bro. Victor Lepp, 33°. John Gray Teleske, 33°, from the Valley of Vancouver replacing Ill. Bro. Michael Ward, 33°.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Richard Brown, 33° and Matt Todd, 33° that the Report for Advancement to Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General be received and the vote cast at the Executive Session on Thursday morning.

SGC: Thank you.

You heard the motion moved and seconded. At this time I will ask: Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations?

Hearing none I will call for the vote. All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED. Thank you.

IPSGC Brown: So this is still confidential information at this point.

SGC: That's correct.

IPSGC Brown: Thank you.

SGC: Please keep that confidential.

Before I move on to the Officer Nominations Report, one of the ad hoc committees, I commissioned, the Deputies for Ontario to look at the current structure and the current alignment of Valleys in Ontario, bearing in mind to take a look at the work load, take a look at the membership survey and the improvement planning so there may be more visitations by the Deputy. Also, look at the travel time required. As a result of that study, pursuant to Article 26(a), I have approved the recommendation to move to four Deputies in Ontario.

Now I call on III. Bro. Harold Crosby, 33° for the Officer Nominations Report.

III. Bro. Crosby: The Supreme Council 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Canada, Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren, your Committee on Officer Nominations is pleased to nominate for election to office for the balance of the current triennium the following Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General:

William A. Atkinson Sr. Deputy for Ontario Brian W. Gilkinson Deputy for Ontario

Robert D. Brethour Grand Secretary-General

Jeffrey R. Dickson Grand Marshal Karl E. Springer Grand Sword Bearer

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Harold Crosby, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° that the report on Advancement, Membership and Officer Nominations be received.

SGC: Thank you. You've heard the motion for the reception of the Report on Officer Nominations, and seconded. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations?

PSGC Crosby: Sovereign Grand Commander, if there are no further nominations I believe I can move that the Report be adopted, not just received.

SGC: That's correct.

PSGC Crosby: So I will withdraw my motion to receive, if my seconder will agree.

III. Bro. Whitmore: I agree.

PSGC Crosby: And I will move that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

SGC: You've heard the motion properly moved and seconded. All in favour, signify. Opposed, if any? Then I declare that motion CARRIED.

As the motion was carried and voted on unanimously, I declare that the nominees are elected. Congratulations.

Now I call for the Report on Special Committee on Special Awards, Alan Arbuckle.

The Report from the Committee on Special Awards was presented by Chairman, Ill. Bro. Alan Arbuckle, 33°

Report of the Special Committee On SPECIAL AWARDS

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I have the honour to present the report of the Special Awards Committee of Supreme Council for 2016.

We received nominations for four worthy candidates for the John Ross Matheson award. Careful consideration was given to each by the committee and the following Brethern were chosen.

G.W. Budden was a member of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and a town councilor in Conception Bay South. The father of three, he has held several high Masonic offices, including Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland, Most Excellent Grand High Priest in Royal Arch, Most Puissant Grand Master of Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada in Cryptic Rite, Provincial Grand Prior of Newfoundland and Labrador, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland and Grand Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador in York Rite. He is a past Director of Canadian Police Association and a past Director of the Orange Home Cancer Hostel and the Masonic Park Senior Citizens Complex.

M.E. Robinson, the father of six, was commissioned from the ranks to Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy and served in the Naval Engineering Unit in Halifax and the Material Group of National Defense at headquarters in Ottawa. He worked as a civilian Quality Assurance Inspector for destroyers coming out of refit before being passed back to the Navy in Halifax. He has held offices in Scottish Rite, the Shrine, York Rite, Royal Arch, the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Royal and Select Masters and received the Order of Merit from the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. Ill. Bro. Robinson has been active in Boy Scouts and the Halifax Police Boys Club and a Director of the Canadian Mental Health Association of Kings County. He has been an active member of the Anglican Church.

As chair, I wish to thank the members of the committee for their diligence in assessing the nominations and selecting these worthy recipients of the most prestigious award our order can give. Committee members are III. Bro. Allan Hadley, 33° of Winnipeg, III. Bro David Hooper, 33° of North Milton, P.E.I. and III. Bro. Michael Farr, 33° of Kincardine, Ontario.

We all appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Arbuckle, 33°, Chairman Allan Hadley, 33° David Hooper, 33° Michael Farr, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Alan Arbuckle, 33° and David Hooper, 33° that the report from the Committee on Special Awards be accepted.

SGC: Thank you. Brethren, you have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. All in favour signify in the manner. Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

And with the acceptance of that Report, that approves the nominations of Gerald Budden, Valley of St. John's, and Morley Robinson, Valley of Halifax as recipients of the John Ross Matheson Award for 2016. My intention is, we talked about these changes last year, that I will award these individuals in their local Valleys. As a matter of fact, I am going to the Valley of St. John's in October, as well as the Valley of Halifax, so I will present those awards to them, and I will make some remarks at the banquet on Friday night and announce their names there, as well. Thank you, Alan.

IPSGC Brown: Not that it matters, but I assume that the information is confidential until you announce them.

SGC: That's right. I appreciate the confidentiality until Friday night. Is there anything else you would like to discuss before I ask the Honorary Inspectors-General to enter?

Hearing none, Lieutenant Grand Commander, could you admit anybody who is outside the door.

Welcome, brethren, to the Executive Session. I thank you for your interest in Supreme Council operations. I trust you are enjoying St. John's.

We are going to try something a little different this year. I realize that you don't have a voice or vote when you're in here, however, we have made available at the back pads of paper and pens. Should you have a question or comment that you would like to express, please write it down on that piece of paper and sign your name and your Valley. That way we can get back to you with a response. And please give it to Steve Warren he's our Executive Secretary. Thank you and, again, welcome.

Grand Secretary-General, could you please read the names of those Active Members in attendance.

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, the Active Members in attendance are:

Alan D. Arbuckle	William A. Atkinson	David A. Bennett
Richard A. H. Brown	Harold E. Crosby	William A. Davis
Jeffrey R. Dickson	Michael D. H. Farr	James G. Finch
William C. Fitzsimmons	Brian W. Gilkinson	Stephen Godfrey
Miles R. Graham	Allan J. L. Hadley	John E. Harrison
David G. Hooper	W. Douglas Keam	Loren W. Kline
Victor Lepp	Thomas E. Lewis	Allard B. Loopstra
D. Ronald MacDonald	Kenneth D. McComb	Terry A. McLean
Chesley R. Piercey	Jean Reed	James S. Ross
Karl E. Springer	James C. Sutherland	Gareth R. Taylor
Matthew F. Todd	John W. Trousdale	Michael Ward
Robert S. Whitmore		

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. Now, would you please read the name of those Active Members to be excused from attendance at this Supreme Council.

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, those names are: Orlan Weber, Duncan Skinner and Gordon Greasley.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for a collective vote.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° that these Brethren be excused.

SGC: You've heard the motion for a collective vote, properly moved and seconded. Any questions or discussion? I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

You heard the motion properly proposed and seconded, the motion to excuse those Brethren. Any questions or discussion? I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed if any? CARRIED.

Thank you. Grand Secretary-General, would you please read the names of those Past Active Members not in attendance.

GSG: Those names are as follows:

Robert Barnett John Chadbourne Rav Brvant Gerald Chaulk Stanley Clayton William Cook George Cooper Philippe Decelles **Edward Drew** Thomas Hannan Rozin Iwanicki Donald Lambie Donald Murray Marvin Munro Kenneth Orr Pierre Phaneuf John Prosnick Richard Quinton Jack Sproule Edward Standish Robert Taylor Donald R. Thornton Robert Waddell **Robert Wands** Alexander Watson John Winch Sydney Whiteley James Wood

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. The Supreme Council will send a letter to the Past Actives and their ladies, mentioning how they are missed at the Annual Session and give them a little update of what happened in St. John's. Some may argue what happens in St. John's stays in St. John's, but we'll be sending out a letter.

Grand Secretary-General, have all Deputies filed reports?

GSG: They have, Sovereign Grand Commander, and they can be found on pages 65 to 128 in the Preliminary Reports and they will be included in the Annual Proceedings.

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General.

And now I'll call for the reports and the first report will be the Report from the Grand Secretary-General, Brian Gilkinson.

The Grand Secretary-General's Report was presented by III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°

Grand Secretary-General's Report

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren: It is my privilege to present this annual report.

Annual Sessions

The 2015 Annual Session of this Supreme Council held in Windsor, Ontario enjoyed an attendance of 483. The session was very well organized by the host committee, under the chairmanship of III. Bro. John Revell, 32° who assembled a large supporting cast. Members of the host committee went above and beyond the call of duty in assisting the Supreme Council office staff with last minute functions to be completed before the arrival of registrants. Both the host committee and the hotel, Caesars Windsor, made the week a pleasant one for Supreme Council and those attending the session. The untimely death of III. Bro. Ken Rutherford, 33°, Chief Operating Officer, shortly before made this assistance invaluable. His passing was noted with extreme regret. Business was well conducted and all had a chance to socialize at many events. Congratulations to John Revell and all comprising his host committee for their diligence in supporting a successful session. Once again the Valley of Windsor proved more than equal to the task of hosting an excellent Annual Session.

III. Bro. Owen Devereaux, chair of the St. John's host committee has been working diligently with its members, including his supervisor, his lady Rosalind, to replicate Windsor Valley's success. Frequent communication between St. John's and the Supreme Council office has rendered preparations for the 2016 Annual Session complete. The Delta Hotel has been supportive and the location of the hotel will accommodate a variety of interests in the commercial district and harbour environs.

Future Sessions

The Valley of Montreal has been planning for the 2017 Annual Session for some time, under the leadership of Chairman, Ill. Bro. Francois Nasraoui, 32°. The Marriott Chateau Champlain will be the hotel venue and the downtown location is in close proximity to the Bell Centre, the site of the Vesper service and, for those who enjoy it, a couple of excellent corned beef restaurants. There are beautiful parks in the area and many nearby opportunities to shop in this world class city. Francois has promised a first class experience for those attending in 2017.

The Valley of London is underway, under the guidance of Chairman, Ill. Bro. Garry Dowling, 33°, with preparations for the 2018 Annual Session in London, Ontario. That session will mark a significant anniversary for the Valley so the host committee is working hard to make the session an excellent experience. If you have questions about the anniversary and the experience attending the session will provide all the answers.

Grand Representatives

The schedule of Grand Representatives has been completely updated by our Sovereign Grand Commander with the co-operation of those willing to perform their duty as Grand Representatives. At present this Supreme Council has approved Grand Representatives for each of the Supreme Councils with which it is in amity and is only awaiting correspondence identifying a proposed representative near this Supreme Council for the Supreme Council of Lithuania.

Scottish Rite Membership in Canada in 2015-2016

Membership in the Scottish Rite now stands at 14,719 according to the latest data available. This represents a continuing decrease and, as demographics reflect, this is due primarily deaths along with demits and suspensions. Experience over the last number of years in Valleys holding annual Master Masons Nights has shown an increase in Master Masons seeking membership in the Scottish Rite. These and other recruitment efforts, along with new programs to enhance the experience of new members, will no doubt strengthen Valleys and hasten the time when a balance between losses and additions in membership will occur. Of concern is the indication of decline in the proportion of Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection membership to Craft Lodge membership in every province but Manitoba and Ontario. All of us need to strengthen the Rite starting with what is possible in our own Valleys. That means making good use of the tools at hand; the new membership video, the opportunities to participate in craft lodge meetings and degree portrayal as representatives of the Scottish Rite, the use of annual Master Masons nights, the use of resources produced to increase the education and enlightenment of our members, staging open houses and events to mark Scottish Rite Week, the involvement of friends and families in social events etc. This list is by no means exhaustive. Please feel free to let your imagination add to it and share your ideas with others through the communications mechanisms of the Scottish Rite.

Supreme Council Office Updates

III. Bro. Steven Warren, 33° was engaged as Chief Operating Officer in October 2015. He has been instrumental in introducing a number of positive improvements in the office. They include an on-going review of all office processes as they occur throughout the year, a review of the manner in which the office prepares for the Annual Session and a workload analysis to determine an optimum staffing model. He has much experience in the production and analysis of data and produces spreadsheets for the consideration of Supreme Council officers and the Advisory Council that assist in ensuring that decisions are made on the basis of sound information. This approach to the day-to-day supervision of the office and the generation of quality data complements the existing use of surveys and data analysis introduced in large part by III. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33° in earlier years, which continues to be useful method of planning for improvement. III. Bro. Warren has done much to produce an office manual that is a good quick reference for anyone requiring its guidance with office functions. He is also working to create fillable PDFs to assist the Valleys in the conduct of their business with Supreme Council.

The result of workload analysis has been the elimination of the third position in the office, that of Ms. Lucy Berthoud, in May of this year. It also resulted in Ms. Leslie Drake being engaged for five days per week rather than four. The office has discharged its obligations on schedule or ahead of schedule as the year progressed. It is hoped that these improvements will result in significant cost savings without sacrificing the quality of work that is being accomplished. The lease on office space has been renewed for a further five years, a development welcomed by both Supreme Council and Towers Inc., the Rite's landlord at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

The office is now distributing Valley notices it receives to all Deputies and to the Communication Committee Valley liaisons. The office also places all newsletters it receives on the scottishritecanada.ca website in the Members section under "information". Reference to these materials comprises a useful repository of diverse practices and a breeding ground for ideas that can improve the Scottish Rite experience of Valleys and their members.

Conferences Attended

The Chief Operating Officer attended the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America in my stead. It was held in Madison, Wisconsin from February 22nd to 23rd, 2016. The following is excerpted from his report. The Grand Secretaries Conference commenced with a presentation by a representative of the Scottish Rite about the Scottish Rite Day of November 12, 2016, declared by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the Southern Jurisdiction. It will feature a state-wide conferral of the 32nd degree.

The keynote address was given by R. W. Bro. David Cameron of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. It was entitled "The Lodge at the Goose and Gridiron – A 21st Century take on early Masonry". His view was that lodges have always come and gone throughout the history of Freemasonry so that the recent decline of membership and extinguishment of some lodges is not a new phenomenon. He asserted that those lodges that go dark often retain more of their members in Freemasonry than those lodges that amalgamate. He added that the primary issue in addressing the present decline in membership is the need to balance the need for quality against the desire for quantity. Quality is necessary but membership too restrictive can result in financial issues that prevent an experience that retains an active and involved membership. He encouraged:

- 1. A focus on mentoring new members.
- 2. A reduction or streamlining of Grand Lodge programs to a manageable level.
- 3. Introduction of quality meetings even if they need to be fewer to accomplish this.
- 4. Flexibility in the locations where lodges can hold meetings.
- 5. Strive for shared leadership to prevent burn-out among the few that generally carry the workload of the lodge.
- 6. The creation of Masonic clubs in areas where the number of members does not permit the formation of viable lodges.

New Lodge Development

Jorden Yelinek, Director of New Lodge Development with the Grand Lodge of California presented on this topic. He stressed the importance of identifying lodges in need earlier to enhance the chances of making them viable. He said they need strong leadership, openness to options and a willingness to share decision making. He believed that different leadership styles are necessary at different stages of a lodge's lifecycle. He said the average number of members in lodges outside North America was 34 while those within it averaged 150, however, only 30 of those would attend meetings. Usually a lodge can only engage 20 members in the work of the lodge. He concluded by saying it was important for Grand Lodges to permit lodges to adopt their own persona whether it be family oriented, academic, esoteric, social etc.

Inside the UGLE and its 300th Anniversary

Derek Dinsmore, Grand Chancellor of the UGLE spoke on the upcoming 300th anniversary of the first Grand Lodge. In 2017 there will be festivities to mark the occasion, culminating in an invitation only Communication to be held in Royal Albert Hall. Attendance is expected to be 4,500.

Other topics included: Membership Systems – Features and Comparisons presented by Richard Lynn, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida; Data Storage and Protection presented by Charles Calabritto, Grand Lodge of Florida; Intellectual Property Protection

presented by John Manian, an attorney; Custom Lodge Applications presented by Brian Glick; Digital Publications and Content Management presented by Kim Kett, Vice-President of National Accounts GTxcel.

A more comprehensive report can be accessed by visiting scottishritecanada.ca and logging onto the member's section or by contacting the Steve Warren, Chief Operating Officer at the Supreme Council Office.

Thirty-fourth Annual Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges A.F. & A.M. of Canada

I attended this conference as an observer. It was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 22 and 23, 2016. All Grand Lodges with the exception of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island participated. Unfortunately, representatives of the District Grand Lodge of Scotland were unable, due to severe winter weather in Newfoundland and Labrador, to attend the conference.

Reports were received regarding the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and of the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America. An open discussion occurred regarding recent developments involving the Grand Lodges of Georgia and Tennessee and the possible future implications for Freemasonry.

Jurisdictional Questionnaire Reports were delivered on topics assigned before the conference and in common to the Grand Masters and the Deputy Grand Masters. Grand Masters dealt with those matters their Grand Lodges considered important traditions of Freemasonry and what is being done to support and preserve them in their respective Grand Lodges. Deputy Grand Masters reported on educational initiatives of their Grand Lodges. These reports were each relatively brief, however, they represented fruitful information for the consideration of any Masonic body fortunate to receive them. The delivery of these reports took the better part of a full day of conference time.

Time was also devoted to break-out sessions involving the Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and the observers in attendance at the conference. Grand Masters were requested to consider and report on, "What are the necessary priorities for Masonic leadership as we deal with a changing demographic throughout this nation and within each of our own Grand Lodges?" Deputy Grand Masters were requested to consider and report on, "What do you see as the greatest opportunities facing Grand Lodges over the next five years and how would you propose that we should take advantage of them?" Grand Secretaries were requested to deal with, "How can the Grand Secretary's offices effectively communicate with Craft Lodges to ensure that appropriate information is relayed in a timely and efficient manner?" Observers were asked to consider, "How does Freemasonry essentially differ from 30, 50, 100 years ago? In what ways have the changes been positive and/or negative?"

Apart from the conduct of administrative business, these were the salient program aspects of the conference. A more comprehensive report is available for those that wish to read it either by visiting the website or contacting the office.

Closing Remarks

The Deputies occupy positions integral to the success of Supreme Council's initiatives. Their supervisory and communication responsibilities vis-à-vis the Valleys are central to maintaining a clear understanding in both the Valleys and within Supreme Council of the concerns of each. Those positions also carry with them the need to be diligent in furthering the administrative and policy agenda of Supreme Council while communicating adequately the concerns underlying it. This can require dedicated effort, sometimes in the face of resistance and pressure to do

otherwise. I wish to thank the Deputies that perform this role so capably and also express my appreciation to those Deputies who communicate with the office regularly on issues of concern that impact both the Valleys and Supreme Council. These dedicated leaders do much to make the functions of the office run smoothly.

Our Sovereign Grand Commander, III. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33° has been instrumental in assisting our new Chief Operating Officer adjust to his duties. He has made himself available as a source of advice on matters as they arise, notwithstanding an ambitious schedule of Official Visits that has had him travelling far and wide during the year. His support of the office staff and myself as we work to act in accordance with the policies of Supreme Council is much appreciated.

III. Bro. Robert S. Whitmore, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, has also been a source of advice and guidance during his inaugural year in office. Good use has been made of his previous experience as Chairman of Jurisprudence and Legislation and his assistance in a special project assigned by the Sovereign Grand Commander have been invaluable.

This has been a year of significant transition for the office personnel. III. Bro. Steve Warren, 33° was engaged as of October 2015 as Chief Operating Officer. He has been scaling a steep learning curve regarding his responsibilities with apparent ease. While gaining a knowledge of what is with respect to office processes and procedures, he has been proactive in thinking about what could be and acting to make it a reality. This kind of progress has been ably supported by Leslie Drake as she continues to discharge her duties to the satisfaction of both those in the office and in the Valleys. I thank you both for your service to the Scottish Rite and in making my responsibilities this year very easy to discharge.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° Grand Secretary-General

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for the acceptance of this report.

SGC: You've heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions or discussions of the Grand Secretary-General? Hearing none, I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you very much for all the work you've done in the last couple of years, Brian. It's much appreciated.

GSG: You're welcome, sir.

SGC: I will now call on the Grand Treasurer-General for his report, Tom Lewis.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer General was given by III. Bro. Tom Lewis, 33°.

Grand Treasurer-General's Report

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I am once again pleased to present the Annual Financial Statements and the Auditor's report for the year ended May 31, 2016, which will be published in the Annual Proceedings of this Session. Copies of these financial statements, which were approved following consultation with our auditors can be found in the Preliminary Reports. The Financial Statements constitute both a general and detailed report of all revenues and expenses during the year pursuant to Article 28 (c) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council.

The audited financial statements for Supreme Council for the year ended May 31, 2016, were reviewed and discussed in detail with our auditors Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Accountants. For the year ended May 31, 2016, your Supreme Council experienced an <u>excess of expenses</u> over revenue before unrealized loss on investments in the amount of \$ 22,050 as compared to an <u>excess of expenses over revenue</u> in the amount of \$ 20,600 for fiscal year ended 2015.

The statements of operations and the related schedules of expenses, which can be found in the Preliminary Reports present the results of operations for the year ended May 31, 2016 together with the comparative figures for the year ended May 31, 2015.

The Draft Budget found in the Preliminary Reports outlines in detail the Budget for the upcoming fiscal year ending May 31, 2017 with the comparison of the actual results of operations for the year ended May 31, 2016 compared to the 2016 budget approved at last year's annual session of Supreme Council. In many areas, the operations for the year compared favourably to budget.

General Comments

Producing much needed investment income to fund Supreme Council operations is becoming more and more difficult with all-time low interest rates and the oil situation, which has led many companies to reduce the dividend payout. Hopefully, this situation will improve in the near future.

Declining membership and its effect on the annual per-capita assessment to Supreme Council continues to be a concern to your Grand Treasurer-General. Dues (per capita assessments) continue to decline each year, however costs continue to increase each year.

As your Grand Treasurer-General, I continue to be concerned with the financial health of the Valleys across Canada and I am cognizant of their financial concerns and problems, but unfortunately, I find it necessary to recommend an increase in the per-capita assessments for each Valley of \$.50 per member each year for the next three years. A notice of motion has been submitted to Supreme Council for consideration and voting on at this Session. It should be noted that there have been no increases to the per-capita assessment since 2009.

The total revenue increased from \$ 195,490 in 2015 to \$ 200,406 in 2016 due primarily to increased candidates' fees and increased general fees charged.

Overall expenses, i.e. Administrative, Activities, Officers and Committees and Annual Session costs have been reduced from \$ 308,952 in 2015 to \$ 292,305 in 2016. Also note that included in Activities is the cost of the new membership video in the amount of \$ 18,802.

Your Grand Treasurer-General would like to congratulate the Valley of Windsor on their successful hosting of the Supreme Council Session in Windsor. Not only was it a success as a session, but financially was extremely well done in that the Session resulted in an **excess of revenue over expenses** of \$ 1,419 before the Travel Allowance of \$ 20,705 for an overall Session Cost of \$ 19,286 as compared to \$ 27,875 in 2015.

As indicated elsewhere in the Preliminary Reports, the recent volatile markets with respect to oil prices, low investment income returns and various geopolitical concerns has adversely effected the portfolios which indicate an overall decline of \$80,201. This was exacerbated by the fact that it was necessary to withdraw \$115,000 (net) from our general investments to fund operations.

The investment income and realized (net) capital gains indicate a decrease for the year of \$23,013 (2016 - \$69,849 vs. 2015 \$92,862).

Financial Instruments

As indicated in the notes to the financial statements, effective June 1, 2008, the organization adopted the accounting and disclosure requirements of the CICA's two new accounting standards, Section 3862, Financial Instruments Disclosures and Section 3863, Financial Instruments – Presentation.

Effective June 1, 2008, the organization also adopted the CICA's new accounting standard, Section 1535, Capital Disclosures, which requires the disclosure of both quantitative and qualitative information that enables the users of financial statements to evaluate the entity's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital.

The new standard did not have a material effect on the financial statements.

As a result of the foregoing policy, it was necessary to provide for an unrealized loss on investments in the amount of \$43,849 which resulted in an overall **excess of expenses over revenue** of \$65,899 (i.e. \$43,849 + \$22,050).

Investments

Our investment portfolios continue to be in the care of R.B.C. Dominion Securities and as indicated above, they continue to struggle despite recent improvements to the markets. I would continue to recommend the engagement of R.B.C. Dominion Securities to attend to our financial needs.

The net value of the assets of the Supreme Council as at May 31, 2016 consisting of cash on deposit and cash equivalents, investments at fair value together with amounts receivable, inventory and prepaid items, less liabilities for accounts payable and fees paid in advance totaled \$1,585,109 as compared to \$1,651,008 as at May 31,2015.

Our investment income aggregated \$ 52,363 for the year ended May 31, 2016 as compared to \$ 66,130 in the prior year. The net gain on the disposal of investments during the year amounted to \$ 17,486 as compared to net realized gain on the sale of investments in the prior year of \$26,732. Your Trustees and Investment Advisors continue to work within the amended (2012) guidelines of the Supreme Council Investment Policy, whereby the portfolios are generally managed within a maximum of 50% / 50% split of fixed income to equity investments. The details of the investment portfolios can be found in the audited financial statements and in the report of the Trustees.

In accordance with Article 28 (d) of the Statutes and Regulations, your Grand Treasurer-General has submitted a draft annual budget plan for the ensuing fiscal year (June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017). This proposed budget has been submitted to the Chairman of Audit and Finance and his committee for review and will be addressed in detail in due course and submitted for your approval.

Actions During The Year

In addition to the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Treasurer-General as outlined in the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council, your Grand Treasurer-General, Grand Secretary-General and Chief Operating Officer are in regular communication throughout the year with our representative at R.B.C. Dominion Securities to review the investment portfolios and their respective performances.

Your Grand Treasurer-General, the Grand Secretary-General and the Chief Operating Officer have met on a regular basis to review various matters in connection with the financial affairs of Supreme Council and other staffing and office matters. As indicated above, we have also met with our Auditors, Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants to review their report and the year-end audited financial statements. A special thanks to our auditors Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, LLP for their overall assistance and interest during the year.

Special Candidates Fund

Once again, I am pleased to report that as a result of your confirmation to establish a Candidates' Capital Fund, (2005) this new fund, as outlined in the audited financial statements received the initial seed money of \$15,000 together with the contributions from the candidates and investment income over the past few years. The investment portfolio for this fund at fair value now aggregates \$157,559 plus cash equivalents of \$59 for a total of \$157,618 as at May 31, 2016.

This fund will increase with the contributions from this year's class by \$7,000 (35 x \$200). From here on in, the joining fee as outlined in the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council of every new Honorary Inspector-General will include an amount of \$200 or such amount as determined by Supreme Council from time to time. This amount will be invested in this Special Candidates' Capital Fund.

The \$ 7,000 from this year's class has already been transferred to the Special Candidates' Fund maintained by R.B.C. Dominion Securities and duly deployed since the year end of May 31, 2016.

Again, it is suggested that when the fund becomes a meaningful amount, annually Supreme Council would withdraw say eighty-five percent (85%) of the income earned by the fund to assist with the financial operations of Supreme Council. The capital would remain intact. Accordingly, each year the fund will increase by the fifteen percent (15%) of the investment income retained in the fund, as well as the contributions made by the fees paid by the new Honorary Inspector-Generals and hopefully by capital appreciation on the investments being held. This recommendation, now implemented will provide an annual renewable source of capital in the future.

In Conclusion

I would again laud the efforts of our Sovereign Grand Commander and Lieutenant Grand Commander on their ongoing efforts to introduce meaningful programs to address membership decline, leadership requirements and communication skills within Scottish Rite. This effort has also included new promotional material for distribution to potential candidates along with the Candidates' Video.

The hosting of the Annual Sessions of Supreme Council continues to be challenging to say the least, especially the financial matters pertaining thereto. I would again like to congratulate the Valleys of Windsor and Halifax for their successful Sessions and we expect that St. John's will likewise be a great success.

In closing, I would once again wish to record a word of appreciation to all the Supreme Council staff for their loyal support throughout the year. And to all the Supreme Council brethren who have conscientiously applied fiduciary accountability in helping Supreme Council keep expenditures to budget.

Your Grand Treasurer-General acknowledges the work and efforts of III. Bro. Steve Warren 33°, Chief Operating Officer and a very special thanks to Ms. Leslie Drake of the Office of the Grand Secretary-General.

Again, a special word of thanks to III. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, III. Bro. Robert Whitmore, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Grand Secretary-General and again III. Bro. Steve Warren 33°, Chief Operating Officer and the office staff at Supreme Council for all their assistance rendered to the Grand Treasurer-General during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Lewis, 33° Grand Treasurer-General

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Tom Lewis, 33° and John Harrison, 33° to accept the Grand Treasurer-General's Report as printed.

SGC: Thank you. Brethren, you have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Are there any questions of the Grand Treasurer-General? Hearing none, I'll call for the vote for the reception of the Report: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Would you like to continue, Tom, for the Auditor's Report and Trustee's?

III. Bro. Lewis: The Auditor's Report can be found in the preliminaries on page 8 and the Board of Trustee's report on page 24. (See Auditor's Report on page 156 and Board of Trustees on page 172 under Financial Statements & Reports in these Proceedings.)

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Tom Lewis, 33° and John Harrison, 33° that the Auditor's and Trustee's Report be accepted as printed.

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions? I'll call for the vote: All in favour for reception of the Report? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Would you like to make a motion now to select an auditor for the next year?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Tom Lewis, 33° and John Harrison, 33° that the Chartered Accountant firm of Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, be appointed auditors for the ensuing fiscal year.

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions? I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

And thank you, Tom, for all the work you do in the financial matters of this Supreme Council. It's much appreciated.

And now I'll call for the Report on the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation, Brian Gilkinson.

The Report on the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation was presented by the Chairman, III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°.

Report of the Committee On JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGISLATION

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation is required by our Statutes and Regulations to consider all matters referred to it, with particular reference to amendments to the Statutes and Regulations and to report to this Supreme Council accordingly.

Part I of this report covers amendments presented to the Grand Secretary-General and published in a timely manner as required by ART. 47.1 (a) i and ii.

Part II of this report covers the Committee's report on the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Part III of this report will cover amendments, if any, proposed at the Annual Session and which meet the requirement as set out in ART. 47.1 (b).

PARTI

This year your Committee received the following notices of proposed amendments to the Statutes and Regulations and, in accordance with ART. 47.1 (a) iii, reports thereon as follows:

Note re Special Treatment of Presenting Amendments

To present these amendments in a format which your Committee hopes will make them easy to understand, they are attached to this Report as separate schedules and the amended wording is underlined and the deleted words are so indicated.

WORDS OF CAUTION

Your Committee wishes to emphasize that in reporting that these proposed amendments to be found regular, your Committee is in no way endorsing or commenting on the merits of any particular amendment but merely stating that it has been found to be regular so as to be considered and voted on at the upcoming Executive Session of this Supreme Council.

1. Amendment to Article 26 (a) iv (9)
That the present Article 26 (a) iv (9) be amended to delete the words "other than" and "ten (10)" substituting the word "following" for "other than" and the word seven (7)" for "ten (10)" so that subsection (9) will then read as follows: "hold the Easter Sunday meeting on a day following Easter Sunday, but in no case later than seven (7) days following Easter Sunday."

On review, your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

2. Amendment to Article 98 (c)
That the present Article 98 (c) be amended to change the wording of the Article by deleting the words "the date of the suspension" and substituting the words, "a maximum of two years in default and dues for the current year" so that Article 98 (c) will then read as follows:

"Upon dues to a maximum of two years in default and dues for the current year being paid, the member, after investigation and report, may be reinstated by a majority vote at a regular meeting."

On review, your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

3. Further Amendment to Article 98 That Article 98 be further amended by the addition of subsection (d), to read as follows: "In Valleys with commuted dues funds, the member may opt to pay the amount of commuted dues in lieu of the amounts specified in subsection (c) which being paid, the member, after

investigation and report, may be reinstated, as a commuted dues member, by a majority vote at a regular meeting."

On review, your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

4. Amendment to Article 41 (b) That Article 41 (b) be amended to delete the words "Annual Dues for each member Four Dollars and Fifty Cent (Effective 6/01/2009)" and substitute the following: "Annual Dues for each member Five Dollars (Effective 6/01/2016)" and "Annual Dues for each member Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (Effective 6/01/2017)" and "Annual Dues for each member Six Dollars (Effective 6/01/2018)".

On review, your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

PART II

This portion of the Report will be included following the review of the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

PART III

This portion of the Report will be included in the event that any amendments are proposed at the Annual Session and which meet the requirements as set out in ART. 47.1 (b).

Your committee thanks the Executive Secretary, Steven Warren, 33° and the administrative staff of the Supreme Council Office for their advice and assistance to the Committee throughout the year.

I also thank the members of this Committee as well as Donald D. Thornton, 33° for their advice and assistance. Work continues on other matters as assigned by the Sovereign Grand Commander.

The passing earlier this year of III. Bro. John V. Lawer, 33° Past Sovereign Grand Commander and long- time member of this Committee, is noted with sincere regret. His wise council will be missed, not only by the members of this Committee, but by many others involved in the functions of Supreme Council and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° Chairman Gordon L. Greasley, 33° Robert G. Wands, 33° Ray T. Bryant, 33°

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Notice of Amendment to the Statutes and Regulations

(Article 47.1)

TAKE NOTICE THAT: A motion will be made at the Annual Session to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador in September 2016 to amend Article 26 (a) iv (9) from its present wording:

(9) hold the Easter Sunday meeting on a day other than Easter Sunday, but in no case later than ten (10) days following Maundy Thursday;

to a new wording, that being:

(9) hold the Easter Sunday meeting on a day <u>following</u> Easter Sunday, but in no case later than seven (7) days following Easter Sunday;

Dated at the City of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario this 15th day of April, 2016.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Notice of Amendment to the Statutes and Regulations

(Article 47.1)

TAKE NOTICE THAT: A motion will be made at the Annual Session to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador in September 2016 to amend Article 41 (b) from its present wording:

(b) The following fees and dues shall be charged:

Letters Patent of Constitution	Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars	
for a Lodge of Perfection, a Chapter of Rose Croix, or a Consistory		
Dispensation for a new body	Fifty Dollars	
Registration	Ten Dollars	
(including a certificate) for every initiate and	d affiliate of each constituent body	
Annual Dues for each member	Four Dollars and Fifty Cents	
from each constituent body - as of June 1 of each year (Effective 6/01/2009)		
Replacement Certificate	Ten Dollars	
25-Year Service Lapel Pin	Ten Dollars	

to a new wording, that being:

(b) The following fees and dues shall be charged:

Letters Patent of Constitution	Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars	
for a Lodge of Perfection, a Chapter of Rose Croix, or a Consistory		
Dispensation for a new body	Fifty Dollars	
Registration	Ten Dollars	
(including a certificate) for every initiate and affiliate of each constituent body		
Annual Dues for each member	Five Dollars	
from each constituent body - as of June 1 of each	ch year (Effective 6/01/2016)	

Annual Dues for each member	Five Dollars and Fifty Cents
from each constituent body - as of June 1 of e	ach year (Effective 6/01/2017)
Annual Dues for each member	Six Dollars
from each constituent body - as of June 1 of e	ach year (Effective 6/01/2018)
Replacement Certificate	Ten Dollars
25-Year Service Lapel Pin	Ten Dollars

Dated at the City of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario this 15th day of April, 2016.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Notice of Motion to Amend the Statutes and Regulations (Article 47.1)

TAKE NOTICE THAT: A motion will be made at the Annual Session to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador in September 2016, firstly, to amend Article 98 (c) of the Statutes and Regulations, to change the wording of the said Article:

From:

(c) Upon dues to the date of suspension being paid, the member, after investigation and report, may be reinstated by a majority vote at a regular meeting.

To:

(c) Upon dues to <u>a maximum of two years in default and dues for the current year</u> being paid, the member, after investigation and report, may be reinstated by a majority vote at a regular meeting.

And secondly, to add subsection (d), to read:

(d) In Valleys with commuted dues funds, the member may opt to pay the amount of commuted dues in lieu of the amounts specified in subsection (c), which being paid, the member, after investigation and report, may be reinstated, as a commuted dues member, by a majority vote at a regular meeting.

DATED this 15th day of April 2016 at the City of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for the acceptance of this Report.

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions or discussions? So we're voting on the acceptance of the Report and we'll go through each amendment individually.

So I'll call for the vote on the reception of the Report: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

And now we'll go through each amendment and vote accordingly.

GSG: I will commence by dealing with the proposed amendment of Article 98(c). If you have Article 98 in front of you, I believe the intention of this amendment and that of subsection (d), the

proposed subsection (d), is to make it easier for lost members to be reinstated back into the Rite. Just because I'm saying intent, don't assume that I am speaking in favour of the amendment at all. That's not my intent.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Allard Loopstra, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for the Amendment of Article 98(c).

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions or discussion?

IPSGC Brown: Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren, just as a matter of clarification for me, perhaps III. Bro. Loopstra could answer this: I assume that now a Valley can choose not to suspend somebody who is in arrears, or just be neglectful in suspending them. So if they have not paid their dues for four or five years, then are suspended and they want to come back, the current practice is to require that individual to pay the four or five years back, even though it may have been the Valley's neglect, rather than the member, he could have been suspended before. So this would limit the liability of the individual, is that the intent?

GSG: That is correct. It is to mitigate the rather draconian impact by the present wording. That is the intent.

IPSGC Brown: Good. Thank you.

SGC: Any other questions? Hearing none, I will call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

The next amendment.

GSG: Brethren, the proposed amendment to add a subsection (d) to Article 98. Some Valleys have a mixture of annual dues, commuted dues. For those people seeking reinstatement to those Valleys, there is a proposed choice between Article 98(c) that has now been approved, or you can opt to pay the commuted dues amount and in that way the individual who had been in default never has to worry about being in default again, and the Valley never has to worry about chasing him or suspending him ever again. So that is the intent of that proposed section.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Allard Loopstra, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for the amendment to Article 98(d).

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Are there any questions? Hearing none, I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Next amendment.

GSG: The proposed amendment to Article 41(b), the fee schedule for per capita levies in the Statutes and Regulations, is designed to effect a three year stage of fifty cents per year increases in the per capita. The intent has been explained by the Grand Treasurer-General in his Report to this Supreme Council.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Allard Loopstra, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for the amendment to Article 41(b).

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Are there any questions? Hearing none, I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

The fourth amendment.

GSG: The fourth amendment is that affecting Article 26(a) (iv) (9). This is part of the Deputy's dispensation authority under the Statutes and Regulations and it is designed to clarify when the relighting ceremony should take place. Again, that's the intent, your Committee is not commenting on the merits of that proposed Amendment.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Allard Loopstra, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for the amendment to Article 26(a) iv (9).

SGC: Brethren, you have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions or discussion?

III. Bro. Godfrey: Sovereign Grand Commander, on page three of the frequently asked questions on our website we have a question dealing with the belief of our membership and the response is this:

The Scottish Rite does not intrude on the religious beliefs of its members, but it does inquire that its adherents profess to a belief in a Supreme Being and urges its members to be active in their respective churches. It does not attempt to teach any creed or pretend to be a religion nor a substitute for a religion. Scottish Rite practices universality.

We are into a situation here – sorry, Grand Commander – where we are wanting to observe a Maundy Thursday with a special observance, and again on Easter Sunday, which are two areas of the Christian church.

I wonder whether the Committee has thought about permitting for this observance of Maundy Thursday to be at any other time, not necessarily on Maundy Thursday, and the Relighting at any other time, just simply as an observance but not necessarily coinciding with the Christian calendar.

SGC: Do you want to respond to that?

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, the Committee in this forum is simply responding to the amendment as proposed, and the Committee's only authority is to determine whether or not it is regular for the consideration of this Supreme Council.

With respect to the people who may support the amendment, there may have been other considerations, but I think the authority of this Committee is simply to declare it regular and the authority of the Supreme Council is as directed by the Sovereign Grand Commander to deal with the matter on the floor.

SGC: So you just focus on the Amendment, that's right. Chesley?

III. Bro. Piercey: Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren, I am from New Brunswick, in case there are any who do not realize that.

We have three small Valleys in New Brunswick and that would be Fredericton, Moncton and Saint John. Today I specifically want to talk about Fredericton. Today, or last Easter, Fredericton relit the Lights on Maundy Thursday. About ten years ago they decided to go that route when their Easter Sunday morning services simply did not have the attendance to fulfill the mission. They are a small membership, their membership is not young. Their membership also is derived from a dispersed area. They have to travel quite a length of time and a long distance to get to their meetings.

When they were presented with the dilemma, about ten years ago, they got together and in an effort to help those Brethren, aged Brethren, that may only be able to come out to one meeting in a year and chose Maundy Thursday to be that meeting, they thought it favourable – most favourable to relight the Lights on Maundy Thursday.

When I became Deputy, and even before that when I became an Active Member, I carried out many conversations with the members of the Fredericton Valley. You see, I believed that it was inappropriate to relight the Lights on Maundy Thursday. I was given the reasons I have just outlined to you, each time, and I implored them to change.

Last November the Deputies attended a conference in Hamilton and at that time I was apprised of the proposal to put this before these Annual Sessions in the amendment as just ruled. So I went to the boys in Fredericton again and I said, as I had always said, 'You have to change and it's not going to be in your judgment anymore, it's going to come down that you are going to have to do this'. And one of the Brethren exclaimed, "Ches, what are they trying to do to us? Don't they know our situation? We are unable to get this together on Easter Sunday morning and we want all of our members, or as many members as is possible, to share in our extinguishing and lighting ceremony, and these older Brethren will not have an opportunity if we are not permitted to do this on Maundy Thursday. In fact, it may be that our Valley may not be able to hold the Easter ceremonies in their entirety."

So I walked away from it and I asked myself, who are these 'they', that they refer to? I realized that I'm one of them, and I began to ponder the subject. I began to think about when I joined the Scottish Rite and passing through the various offices in all three Bodies, but today I'll talk specifically of the Chapter of Rose Croix, I became the Grand Marshall.

We were attending a rehearsal and we progressed quite well through the rehearsal. We were at the conclusion, basically, of the Black Room or First Section of the Degree. I was at the altar and I pointed to the East and I said, 'INRI, lesvs Nazarenvs Rex Ivdaeorvm . It was He who is the way to truth and the light.

And my Ritual Chairman said – oh, by the way, my Ritual Committee Chairman was an Anglican minister – he said, 'Just repeat that', so I complied. He said, 'You must have a very old book'. I said, 'Well, I probably do. Let's check this out'. I did have my book, and sure enough my book was old.

He said, 'The Scottish Rite, and in particular the Ritual Committee, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Ritual Committee, has been adjusting our ritual to remove the partiality towards or against religions, and the words are now, 'It was He who taught us the way, the truth and the light'.

Now, in St. John we do our extinguishing and relighting with a team. We have a team of seven members and they do the extinguishing and the lighting. I was fortunate enough, for a number of years, to be the first Light. On Easter Sunday morning years ago – I'm not that old, but I guess old enough – my lines went: 'The Doctrine of Him who died for the regeneration of humanity has become the Living Son of Truth'.

You get your ritual books out and you will see that it doesn't use the word doctrine, it uses the teaching of Him who died for the regeneration of humanity has become the Living Son of Truth.

So in my pondering I began to ask myself, why am I considering the Relighting on Maundy Thursday as inappropriate? Why am I badgering my members in Fredericton to change what they do? And I realized something: I realized it was because it was my Christian upbringing. The reason that I am asking them to remove it from Maundy Thursday is because it's inappropriate to Christians.

At the beginning of September, I was invited – as well as a member from the York Rite and a member from the Shrine – to speak at Craft Lodge meeting. I said, 'well, I better do some research'.

So I went out to our website. It's a very valuable research tool. After viewing it, I realized that the section referred to on websites called frequently asked questions, FAQ, contained all the information I really needed to spell out all the details about the Scottish Rite to Master Masons.

So one of the questions was: Are there any religious disqualifications? And the answer is no. The Scottish Rite does not intrude on the religious beliefs of its members, but it does require that its adherents profess a belief in a Supreme Being.

I said, 'Oh, yes, one of the fundamental principles of Free Masonry is contained in that statement'. But as I progressed through this I came upon, 'What are the Easter ceremonies'. And here is the answer: 'In the Rose Croix Chapter these ceremonies constitute a solemn observance every year of the Passover or Paschal Supper on Maundy Thursday in Holy Week'. Nothing wrong with it.

Then, on Easter Sunday, an inspiring observance of the resurrection.

What do I tell my Jewish friends about attending the Relighting ceremony on Easter Sunday morning? What would I tell them? What is this doing on our website, which is out there for public consumption?

Brethren, I started out trying to convince the Brethren that they shouldn't do this, that they shouldn't relight the Lights on Maundy Thursday, and I now am saying that if I am to look back at the Maundy Thursday ceremonies and ask what are we doing, I'm reminded – again the Grand Marshall's part where he says, 'My Brethren, this is a commemorative period. It brings to the memory of the Hebrew the Lord's command. In this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt, therefore shall ye observe this day and your generations by an ordinance forever'.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb is a service of remembrance, especially by the Hebrews, for the miraculous exodus from slavery in Egypt. We have attached to it a memorial service where we remember our Brethren, our Sovereign Princes who have passed to the celestial lodge above over the past year. It's a good thing we do.

We extinguish the Lights because it is symbolic of death and darkness. It is also symbolic of death. What we do want to do is leave it. The world has got to go on, our Chapter has got to continue, the torch has been passed.

So there is nothing, absolutely no reason, why we can't light the Lights shortly thereafter. We are not in a religious service. We have prayers, we have prayers in our Craft Lodge. But we have somehow or other lost our way when it comes to trying to adhere to the fundamental principle that all religions have a place in Freemasonry, in a Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, and certainly should not in any way be asked to comply to a religious belief that it would be more appropriate to relight the Lights on some other time but Maundy Thursday.

You know, at the end of the day every time I'm called upon in my Craft Lodge to review or to pass propositions regarding by-laws, or here in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Statutes and Regulations, I ask myself, 'At the end of the day will my Scottish Rite Body be better off?'

And I will ask this time, 'Will my Scottish Rite Body in Fredericton be better off by being disallowed to relight the Lights on Maundy Thursday?' Because I know we are predominantly Christian here and I'm a Christian, but I can't let my Christian belief move into this subject because I must live by the fundamental principles of Freemasonry where all religions are accepted and I can stand or sit beside my Jewish or Muslim fellow and share the services or ceremonies. Will my body be better off? I don't think so.

So, contrary to where I started with this subject, when this vote takes place I will vote against this proposition, this amendment. My conscience will not let me do otherwise.

SGC: Thank you, Chesley. Are there any other questions? Discussion?

IPSGC Brown: Sovereign Grand Commander, Richard Brown from Saskatchewan. A question for the Jurisprudence Committee. This was pointed out to by one of our number, as well. On page 49 of the Preliminary it makes reference to the existing subsection (9), which again is one of the list of things that a Deputy may recommend the dispensation to an item. Currently it is talking about after the ten days following Maundy Thursday and in your submission you are changing that to the seven days following not Maundy Thursday, but Easter Sunday, but you didn't indicate that the words Maundy Thursday would be replaced by Easter Sunday. I just presume it's either just an oversight or a technicality, but I just wanted to get that confirmed from the Committee.

GSG: That is correct. There is a change. I didn't note that as part of the amendment, but that certainly is part of the amendment. Those words, Maundy Thursday, should have been struck and Easter Sunday left in the proposed amendment.

But this is not the submission of the Committee, if I can just explain that it should have been – it is an error in terms of the presentation of the wording that's going to change if the proposed amendment is passed. You are correct.

IPSGC Brown: So it's really part of the proposed amendment?

GSG: Correct.

IPSGC Brown: Again, while I was listening to III. Bro. Ches, I was just wanting to refresh in my own mind what actually we were contemplating here. I did hear him say, he mentioned a particular Valley, and somehow if there is an amendment to this section that they would lose the right.

It seems to me that our current Statute does not grant any Valley the right to do anything other than meet on Easter Sunday, but if a Deputy is requested, the Statutes allow him to allow what would happen on Easter Sunday in any of the ten days following Maundy Thursday.

So there is no inherent right for Valleys to vary from Easter Sunday without requesting a dispensation, and it's my understanding dispensations are good for the one year that they are asked for. So I think that's an important thing to think about.

I'm not trying to take away from what he said because I personally see the merits of what III. Bro. Ches brought forward to the group.

Again, one of my difficulties over this is, do we need to make any change whatsoever to an existing Statute? Because to me it is not mandatory, it is permissive, but permissive with respect to the Deputy, not with respect to a Valley, as to when they have their ceremonies, and it allows some latitude – there may be an argument about whether following means on the same day, does following mean a few minutes later on Maundy Thursday, or does the sun have to rise.

But at least what we have now could allow a Deputy, if they saw fit, to allow it to be varied on the Saturday, the Sunday, the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. The amendment would be creating more restrictions on the prerogatives of Deputies in terms of saying the three-day gap.

I guess I'm not asking you to confirm on the intent, but that would be the result if this were passed. I'd like confirmation on that.

GSG: The proposed amendment speaks for itself. I am authorized as Chairman of Jurisprudence and Legislation to pass on whether or not the proposed amendment is regular. Until such time as I take off that hat and then speak for or against this amendment, if in fact I choose to do so, I really can't respond.

Is the proposed wording more restrictive in terms of the time period when the Relighting can take place? Well, the language is there and I think most would agree that, yes, if the amendment passes there is not going to be an authority to allow it on the Good Friday or on the Saturday. But that's just the impact of the wording.

IPSGC Brown: So my only other comment would be that I would hope the proposer of this amendment would make his intent known so that I have a greater understanding of why the proposal came forward, and not in terms of whether it's regular or not, but what the intent is, before we were to vote.

So that's just a personal comment. Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Brethren, we have approached four o'clock. We are going to a Degree rehearsal now, so I am not going to call for the vote this evening, I am going to wait for tomorrow morning.

III. Bro. Piercey: Illustrious Sovereign Commander, may I speak again?

SGC: You have three minutes.

III. Bro. Piercey: III. Bro. Brown has indicated that the original article did not permit the candles or the Lights to be relit on Maundy Thursday, and I don't think that's correct. The wording of it was that it should be done no later than up to ten days after Maundy Thursday. That was the wording. It doesn't say it can't be done on Maundy Thursday, it just says that it cannot be done any more than ten days after Maundy Thursday. That's the present Statute.

SGC: Thank you, Chesley. We will continue this discussion tomorrow at 8:30, and I will suspend the labours of this Executive Session because we have a rehearsal at four o'clock.

Grand Secretary, so you have any other further announcements other than the rehearsal at four o'clock?

GSG: I don't believe so, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: We do have some visitors with us tonight for our banquet.

GSG: We do.

SGC: And by all means say hello to them. There are three from the Southern Jurisdiction, one from the Northern. We have a member of the Conclave, as well as Sovereign Great Priory, so they will be at our banquet tonight. Please welcome them accordingly.

Thank you very much. Did you want to say something on the Degree?

III. Bro. Warren: Sovereign Grand Commander, if I could, we would like to have all Active and Past Active Members attend the beginning of the rehearsal. We would like to practice the march in and make sure everyone is aware of the seating arrangements for the Degree.

Once the opening has been rehearsed, those not participating in the Degree could then depart as they wish. But we would like to have everyone there for the opening. The Grand Marshall will line everyone up so that we can practice that part of the Degree.

Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Thank you. So I will suspend the labours of this Executive Session until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

Get Acquainted Evening Wednesday, September 14 ~ 8:00 - 10:00pm

The Actives and Past Actives, their Ladies and Guests of Supreme Council enjoyed a dinner in the Harbourview Rooms in the Delta St. John's. Following that "A Get Acquainted Evening" was held in the Avalon Ballroom for all registered members and guest. The opportunity to mingle, meet with old and new friends, guests and to meet the new candidates and their ladies made a fitting end to a busy day, a very pleasant evening indeed with musical entertainment by The Ranscallions (featuring the Valley of St. John's very own III. Bros Clayton Handrigan 33°, James Rowsell 33°, and Gordon Moulton 32° along with Derrick Sheppard) and a Silent Auction which raised \$1,162.00 for the Halifax Learning Centre.

► THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 ◀

Executive Session 2

Thursday, September 15, 2016 ~ 8:30am
Bannerman, St. John's Conference Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

SGC: Good morning, brethren. It is 8:30 and we will start. I will resume the Executive Session this morning.

I trust everyone enjoyed themselves, that they got acquainted last night. There were a lot of people in the room. I got to talk to many of them and I hope you enjoyed yourselves last night. I thought the Valley did an excellent job on the get acquainted evening.

We omitted something yesterday. We forgot to read out the Past Active Members who are in attendance, so I'm going to ask the Grand Secretary-General to do that now.

GSG: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. The Past Actives who are in attendance – and I apologize for the oversight – are:

Maurice Hrycyk Samuel Kalinowksy Marvin Salmi

Donald D. Thornton Gordon Young

SGC: Very good.

GSG: Yes, thank you.

SGC: And this morning the first thing we are going to do is vote on the Report of the Nominating Committee for Active Members. I will ask Richard Brown to present that.

IPSGC Brown: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren, good morning. A reminder that we have two vacancies for Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, with two going to the Past Active status. So I am going to move that we accept the nominations of Thomas Arthur Wills, 33°, from the Valley of Hamilton, replacing Illustrious Brother Victor Lepp, 33°, and the nomination of Illustrious Brother John Gray Teleske, 33°, Valley of Vancouver, replacing Illustrious Brother Michael Ward, 33°.

SGC: Motion for collective ballot.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for a collective ballot to be taken on the Nominations for Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General.

SGC: So the vote will be viva voice and one negative vote shall reject the nominee.

Would you take the vote, Grand Secretary-General?

The Grand Secretary-General polled the Active and Ad Vitam members of Supreme Council. The result was unanimously in favour of the advancement to Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General for III. Bros. Thomas Wills, 33° and John Teleske, 33°.

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. Therefore, I declare the nominees duly elected Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, to be invested Saturday morning in closed Session. Gareth, would you inform Tom, and Stephen, would you inform John to be in attendance.

Now we will call on the vote on the Report of the Nominating Committee for Honorary Members: Richard Brown.

IPSGC Brown: Sovereign Grand Commander, again a reminder that I read the names of 49 nominees; six from Alberta, six from British Columbia, two from Manitoba, one from New Brunswick, two from Nova Scotia, 27 from Ontario, two from Quebec and three from Saskatchewan, for a total of 49.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Richard Brown, 33° and Allard Loopstra, 33° for a collective ballot be taken on the nominations of the 49 Honorary Inspectors-General.

SGC: Again, the vote shall be viva voice and one negative vote shall reject the nominee.

Grand Secretary-General, will you poll the brethren?

The Grand Secretary-General polled the Active and Ad Vitam members of Supreme Council. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidates so presented for promotion to the rank of Honorary Inspector-General in Montreal, Quebec in 2017.

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. I declare the 49 nominees duly elected candidates, to receive the Honorary Inspector-General 33° at the 2017 Annual Session, subject to the interview by the Active Members.

I remind all the brethren of the confidentiality of those elected until they are interviewed by the Active Members, and then the Deputy will inform Supreme Council Office that the interview has been conducted and acceptance by the candidate. So, please don't put it in any newsletters or your summonses whatsoever until that interview happens. Appreciate that.

Are there any issues to discuss before we admit the Honorary Inspectors-General?

Do you have some comments, Steven?

III. Bro. Warren: Sovereign Grand Commander, just a couple of quick announcements, brethren, for this afternoon. First of all, anyone with a Chain of Office can leave it in the Bowring One Room before we head over for the Vesper Service, if you wish to do that.

Those wearing microphones are asked to make the microphone your last item, so your Chain of Office Collar, Sword, Sash, whatever you have, put all that on before you go to be wrangled for the microphones. The wrangling is being done in the cloakroom just across the foyer here on this floor.

Finally, many were not there at the end of the rehearsal yesterday. The Sovereign Grand Commander wishes to have a formal procession to end the Degree, which is a change from previous years. So when the Degree is concluded, the Sovereign Grand Commander and invited guests will descend from the dais and will proceed to the West. The Actives and Past Actives on the two sides will, starting with Jim Sutherland and Allard Loopstra at the East, will peel behind the guests and everyone will process out the West door, the same door as you came in at the beginning of the Degree.

Once all of the Actives and Past Actives have retired, then there will be the sound of a gavel and you can come back in and greet your candidates or get your microphones removed and that sort of thing. But there is a formal recession at the end of the Degree, so please don't just scatter as we normally would.

Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Thank you, Steven.

Somebody asked me a question yesterday: With the addition of a fourth Deputy in Ontario, what Deputy would have what Valleys. The initial plan is that Deputy Gilkinson would have Peterborough, Barrie, Kingston and Ottawa; Deputy Taylor would have Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph and Niagara; Deputy Atkinson will have Windsor, Chatham, London, Woodstock and Sarnia; and Deputy Bennett would have North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Thunder Bay. That's the plan going forward.

Are there any other issues to discuss before we admit the Honorary Inspectors-General?

Yes, Jeff

III. Bro. Dickson: Sovereign Grand Commander, I had some inquiries from some members of Valley of Guelph, if there is an explanation given to the candidates as to what the colours on the badges mean, before the meet-and-greet or before the Session that they have today. They are curious about some of that and I said that I would ask.

SGC: Okay. I call on you, Steven, to respond to that.

III. Bro. Warren: Sovereign Grand Commander, they are not explained to the candidates before the meet-and-greet, but I can certainly do it this morning at the candidate briefing.

III. Bro. Dickson: Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Jeff. Hearing no further items, I would ask the Lieutenant Grand Commander if he would just open the door and see if there are any Honorary Inspectors-General that would like to come in.

Good morning, Honorary Inspectors-General, and welcome to the Executive Session. As I mentioned yesterday, but for those of you who were not here, I understand you have no voice or vote in this meeting, but however we are going to try something a little different this year. There are pads of paper on your seats, with pens. Should you have a question or a comment, please complete the form, put your name and Valley on it and you can drop it off with the COO, Steve Warren, up here, and we will get back to you with some response.

So, welcome again. Thank you for your attendance.

When we left off with our Executive Session yesterday, we were discussing the amendment of Article 26 (a) iv (9). We had three brethren speak to the motion and then we ran out of time, so I said we would continue the discussion today.

I would ask at this time, would any Brother like to speak to the amendment?

III. Bro. Davis: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren, I am Bill Davis, Valley of Thunder Bay. The way I read it, the only thing we're changing is from ten days to seven days, is that correct?

GSG: I will go over to this microphone and respond as Chairman of Jurisprudence and Legislation.

The amendment would have the impact of changing the period of time when a Valley might gain dispensation to observe the Relighting Ceremony if it is not going to be conducted, as required by the Stats and Regs, on Easter Sunday.

The impact would be of the proposed amendment, to ensure that if a Valley cannot observe that Relighting Ceremony according to the General Rule in the Stats and Regs that it be done on Easter Sunday, that it be done within seven days following Easter Sunday.

So the present wording would suggest that the period of time for gaining a dispensation to relight the Lights on a time other than Easter Sunday would be within ten days following Maundy Thursday. So effectively, Good Friday and Saturday would be eliminated as possibilities.

III. Bro. Davis: Okay. Now I understand. Thank you.

GSG: Well, I'm glad one person does, anyway. That's good.

SGC: Thank you, Bill.

III. Bro. Godfrey: Sovereign Grand Commander, Stephen Godfrey, Deputy for British Columbia. May I speak again on this?

SGC: Yes.

III. Bro. Godfrey: The issue around originally was, of course, this word 'following'. There have been several Valleys that determined that 'following' just simply meant that the relighting of the Lights should occur any time following the extinguishing of the Lights, and there were several Valleys in our jurisdiction, and some across Canada, too, who actually did the extinguishing and relighting on Maundy Thursday.

The issue came up as that was inappropriate, not correct, because of maybe a misunderstanding of that word 'following', and hence we have this before us in making sure it's very clear that if we are going to have a relighting of the Lights that it can only occur from Easter Sunday and onwards.

It's interesting to note that in fact in the early days this ceremony was, in fact, performed on the vernal equinox, March 21. It later came into being on Maundy Thursday. I believe that the Southern Jurisdiction have now moved it and returned it to March 21 as a date when this should occur, but they call it a Ceremony of Remembrance and the suggestions that it is talking about something that is Christian, and that is under, oddly, the words of Maundy Thursday/Easter Sunday, have been eliminated and all we are doing here is just simply still keeping what we have, but not allowing anyone to look at that time between Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday for us to celebrate the relighting of the Lights.

And by the way, the relighting of the Lights occurred around about 1900. It was not in the original. The original was extinguishing, and that was the end of it. But later on someone determined, in their wisdom, if we are going to take them off, let's light them again.

Thank you.

SGC: Brian.

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, with your permission I will put on my hat as the proposer of this amendment, so I will not be speaking from this point on in my remarks, my immediate remarks, as Chairman of Jurisprudence and Legislation.

So, with your permission, Sovereign Grand Commander. I would like to make those remarks now.

SGC: That's fine.

GSG: First of all, every opinion is deserving of respect and this has obviously stirred some emotions with respect to the brethren, and there will be people, no doubt, on either side of this particular issue.

I would like to encourage the brethren to take a larger view of what we do and why we do it. I don't want to sound preachy, but I am going to be referring to words – words from the Ritual – and ask you to consider whether or not they have any meaning and if they still continue to inform us in terms of what we need to practice outside of the Lodge and not simply discuss within.

Now, by way of response to III. Bro. Piercey, he started with a concern that there were members of the Valley of Fredericton, I believe, that could only make a meeting once a year and that they chose Maundy Thursday for that particular meeting they might make.

I would ask us to consider whether or not we are failing brethren who find it difficult to attend meetings if we are not acting as Brothers and assisting them in providing transportation, in assisting them not only to attend that one meeting a year, but obviously assisting them with their problems in day-to-day life in transportation.

So the real situation is not necessarily the condition of any one individual or group of individuals, are we treating challenges as opportunities to practice what we honestly profess?

This is not, I would submit, a situation of a Christian majority as it exists presently on this Supreme Council and within our membership imposing its religious will on any other individual adhering to another faith. It's a situation whether or not our forefathers in their wisdom, whether it was added in 1900 or not, choosing Christ as the Exemplar. Not as the Saviour, an example of the Light which every man may accept as a guide and inspiration and pattern for his own. It is not a Christian majority imposing its will on anyone.

It is a situation, I would respectfully submit, that if we're going to adopt a figure from any religion in the world, we should respect the events as they occurred in that life.

The 17th Degree provides a philosophical background to the 18th Degree – a philosophical background. The 18th Degree teaches the lesson of forgetting God, ignoring His law, the consequences being an impact on wisdom, strength and beauty.

What we do on Maundy Thursday is an invitation to somberly reflect on that loss and on that consequence. I would respectfully submit what we do on Maundy Thursday requires a meaningful reflection, not a momentary reflection between that and switching the Light on relighting the Lights. We need to know what we gain by renewal, by obtaining a new temple, a new law and a new word.

You don't appreciate the renewal that the Ritual teaches if you don't reflect on what we lost and why we lost it. That's not religion, that's a moral lesson in virtue and how we should be

conducting ourselves, and if we can, the Statutes and Regulations require that we do that on Easter Sunday, and I would hope as early in the day as possible.

The Chapter of Rose Croix teaches a universal ethic using one exemplar's life to illustrate the point. It's a universal ethic that is basically held in common with all religions – at least all major ones.

Just because we see Christ referred to in a Ritual does not mean that there is a boogeyman or something our unthinking and perhaps biased forefathers have put into the Ritual that needs to be expunged.

I think it was a considered judgement to deal with it at that time and I laud Chesley Piercey's pointing out that we're talking about an example, we're not talking about old language that might have been confused with preaching Christianity.

Simply put, we know that we only require a belief in a Supreme Being. We know that we don't adopt any of the religions of the world as the only true one, and we don't declare any to be false. We know that. That's fundamental to what we know in this room and, quite frankly, what we should be espousing outside this room if given the opportunity.

The proposed amendment is a clarification that if you are going to use the life of anyone as an example to illustrate your Ritual, respect that life and its events and the order in which things occur.

We adopt the observance of the Easter Sunday observance as a duty imposed on the Most Wise Sovereign and imposed by the Statutes and Regulations on us all. We sometimes forget that Article 26 is a list of dispensations that may be granted in appropriate circumstances. That list is a departure from how Supreme Council indicated things should be done, is a recognition by Supreme Council that the draconian implementation and imposition of rules can sometimes create hardship.

But it should not be assumed that because the possibility of a dispensation exists, it confers an entitlement. And it should not be assumed that because there has been a practice in some areas of immediately going from the invitation to somber reflection to a celebration of renewal that was permitted or intended by the dispensation itself. If we are going to worship God in spirit and in truth, we better not be parsing sentences in the dispensation. We better start looking at what does that mean and what was the intent of the dispensation in the first place.

The proposed amendment simply seeks to clarify that there is a valuable lesson to be learned and inculcated in what we do on Maundy Thursday, and there is an equally valuable lesson in preserving the relighting ceremony to Easter Sunday.

Supreme Council has recognized the need to accommodate religious worship. It allows friends and families' dispensation to attend that ceremony, and it allows for those Valleys that may have difficult circumstances in gathering on Easter Sunday to hold it at a time following Easter Sunday. It's a belief, not just on my part, that that is an expression of respect to the Exemplar that we have incorporated into our ritual.

If there is a difficulty in attending the relighting ceremony at any time, there is nothing in the Stats and Regs that says you cannot have multiple ceremonies in multiple areas of your Valleys. That's respecting the opinions of all men. That's what we are supposed to do.

I ask you to reflect: How much is the desire to do one immediately after the other driven by convenience? How do we really try to enact and practice what we preach in the Ritual?

I've heard it said that we should practice outside of the Lodge those excellent precepts which are inculcated within it, and I've heard it said that there is no right without a parallel duty. That there is no liberty without the supremacy of the law. That there is no high destiny without earnest perseverance and there is no real greatness without self-denial.

We've all heard those words. The question is, do we listen?

And forgive me if I sound preachy, but I just want to remind us that we are driven by ritual. This fraternal organization is not a service club, we stand for something else. And if we lose sight of that and how we conduct ourselves, even on the minor or what looks like a minor proposal to clarify what we should be doing, in my submission, based on principle and respect, then we've lost the battle before we've engaged it.

These and other admonitions from the ritual apply as much to our duties as leaders as to our duties as individuals.

I have heard that Freemasonry has been a steady, unvarying friend of man, and you know the language of an eloquent brother; it's gone forth from age to age, the constant messenger of peace and love, never weary. But we're contemplating, and it has been suggested, that if this proposed amendment goes through, it's taking away a right to flip a switch after the extinguishing. Just that fast.

Rest assured, we reflect back on what has gone before. Illustrious Brother Godfrey has drawn our attention to the fact that we take a look back in our history. And we will be judged by posterity, by whether or not our decisions were based on principle and out of respect and out of tolerance, or whether or not they appear to have been born out of simple convenience.

And that is intending no disrespect to those Valleys or those people who think there is a legitimate area for observing the relighting on Maundy Thursday, despite the present wording. But again, your ability to parse and mince words is not consistent with an ability to recognize the spirit and intent of a provision.

Freemasonry in all its Bodies has been bleeding numbers, has been bleeding numbers for decades, and we sat and we stewed in terms of what can we do to stem the tide.

This is no indictment on Masonic leadership in any Valley, in any body, it's a simple statement of fact that we hold up an Exemplar as a guide and inspiration and pattern and we have not inspired new members. We still have a minority, a core minority that does the work of keeping us on life support as we slowly bleed, but we do not inspire the majority of people we attract to our ranks. They lose interest. They sit at home and they're hardly inspired.

Now, over the last few years we've surveyed people to death, not with the idea of killing them, but with the idea of actually mining the data to see what we should be doing as an organization and as a Supreme Council to change things. You want data, you've got data. We've got initiatives that are going to require more than the small core we have now to get the job done. They include leadership, membership and communication. More importantly, is recognizing that in the national membership survey the desire for education and enlightenment is the number one concern.

We can't be worried, brethren, about whether or not people are getting out or only able to get out to one meeting a year. We need to be concerned with how are we going to get the human resources inspired enough to help us provide these programs to new members so that we can retain them, so they are not on the couch, they are in the Lodge room, they are within our ranks and they are working to accomplish great things.

Sometimes I sit back and say, 'this will look after itself, the demits, the suspensions, and the deaths. There will be a balance between who comes in and who goes out'.

But if all we're doing is going through the motions and turning the lights on and off, that balance may be at a Valley membership of 25, and that's certainly not enough to provide a meaningful experience to the brethren, and we have not done our job as leaders in the Craft or the Fraternity.

Rest assured, history is going to judge our efforts. These things take effort and we ask for effort from our members, and as members of Supreme Council it is going to take principal leadership, as well.

This path to a brighter future is not supposed to be easy. We are admonished to engage in earnest perseverance. We are taught in Degrees that indolence will beckon on one hand, ease will beckon on the other. That's not what we're taught in the Ritual, we're certainly not taught to embrace it.

This, I thought, would be a fairly minor amendment. I think it's a litmus test on whether or not we're committed not only to respecting this Exemplar, but doing the other things that require much effort to right the ship.

So the real question is not just whether or not faith, hope and charity are mere words without any meaning, but did I hear in the Ritual nothing but rumour? Are those words meaningless? I think the treatment of any issue, not just this, is a measure of our commitment to practicing what we teach in our Ritual.

There is much more here at stake by defeating this amendment than just the amendment itself. I think we really have to take a look at what we dedicated ourselves to and what we're prepared to do in the future.

I think it's the right thing to do. You don't have to agree with me, but I thought we should basically try and do the right thing not to earn the esteem or the applause of the brethren, but because it's the right thing to do. Help your brethren that need help to get out to meetings. Form more, if you have to do that, in a Valley where distance is a problem, but at least respect the ceremony and the order of events by supporting the amendment.

Now, this seemingly inconsequential amendment is not inconsequential at all, but there's more here at stake than just our reaction to whether or not people desire to hold a Relighting on either Maundy Thursday – and I'm not about to suggest that that was ever appropriate – but also, Good Friday or Saturday. Let's get back to basics, to coin a phrase, and let's take a look at who we use as exemplars, whether it's going to be Moses, whether it's going to be a Hindu religious figure or a Christian figure, as an example, and let's respect it.

I think if we don't, I worry about what our children's children are going to think of us.

Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Thank you, Brian. Rob?

III. Bro. Whitmore: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren, my name is Rob Whitmore and I wish to speak in favour of this amendment.

I have listened very carefully to what was said yesterday, what has been said this morning. I certainly am glad that Brian was not the Crown Attorney in my jurisdiction, but having said that I agree with Brian that this is a very serious matter and I suggest that we have to look at what our purpose is and what we do.

I would say what our purpose is, is that we teach lessons and virtues and principles, brotherly love, relief, truth, honesty, industry, the list goes on, and if ever there was a need in this world for those principles and those lessons to be taught, to be learned and to be taken out into the world, now is the time.

That's what we're all about, and the way in which we communicate those virtues, the way in which we teach those principles, is through our Degree work and our Degree work is based on stories, historical, perhaps some fictional, but nevertheless we look at our Degrees and from those stories, from that drama, we take away the principles that are so important to all of us and are crucial to the state of the world today.

What we're talking about today, the Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, happens to be based on the story of the resurrection, a very, very important and amazing story in Christianity, but it also, of course, refers to Passover on Maundy Thursday, another very important story, but in no way, I suggest, are we necessarily preaching a Christian or a Jewish doctrine simply by referring to a story or by basing our lessons and that Degree on that particular story, but rather we are using the drama, we are using the ceremonies to communicate the important lessons: brotherhood, optimism, honesty and so on.

An important aspect of the story as is given in the Christian faith is, in fact, the three day period between the crucifixion and the resurrection. Now, that has certainly got significance in the Christian faith, but I would submit that it also has significance and relevance to the principles we are trying to communicate, because that three day period requires contemplation, thought and a feeling of optimism that although the lights have been extinguished, they will be relit.

In my jurisdiction we hold the Easter Sunday service on Easter Sunday, and when I leave our Scottish Rite on Maundy Thursday, in darkness, I leave certainly with a feeling of brotherhood, of companionship, because I've shared a very, very moving Degree with my brethren. But leaving in darkness, I also leave with a sense of optimism that the Lights will be coming back on. I have that feeling for those three days and I know that when we return on Easter Sunday, after that period of time, it's going to be to a ceremony that's filled with joy, filled with friendship and brotherhood.

I don't think we would have that if the Lights went out and then shortly thereafter came back on the same night. And I don't think we would have it if they came back on Friday or Saturday, because I look at it as being based on a story, just as the Passover, just as all the other stories in our Degrees, and I think there is great merit in honoring the story as much as we can and paying respect to the three day period, knowing how important it is to the overall lessons, how important it is in hat we learn and in what we carry forward out into the world.

So, brethren, I speak in favour of the Amendment. I think it is completely consistent with our method of communicating the virtues, the principles of Masonry, the rules by which we are to live, and I urge all of us to honour the story and I am supporting the amendment.

Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Rob. Allard.

III. Bro. Loopstra: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren, my name is Allard Loopstra, from Hamilton. Since I made the motion yesterday I feel a responsibility to respond, but very briefly. I have listened to both positions, both for and against this motion, but I'm even more convinced this morning that this motion should move forward.

Yesterday I was maybe somewhat challenged to consider withdrawing the motion or even tabling the motion and I cannot do that. I also support this motion and I believe that everything has been said that needs to be said, and I would ask you to call the question.

SGC: Very good. Then I will call the question. I'll call for the vote of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General with regards to the motion to the amendment, and this vote will require a three-quarter vote.

So, all in favour of the amendment, please signify by raising your hands.

Will you take the count?

GSG: I have 23 people who have supported the amendment, and I believe 27 are required for it to pass.

SGC: That's right. So the amendment is defeated.

Now, brethren, when this was brought to my attention then I noticed that there were about eight or nine Valleys that were relighting on Maundy Thursday, and at that time I gave a ruling to the Deputies to go back to those Valleys and inform them that they could do that ceremony for 2016, and in 2017 and beyond I would not approve any dispensations for the relighting of the Lights on Maundy Thursday. And that ruling still applies.

As we move forward, I told you we were talking about the ad hoc committees and I would give you a little update as we go through.

There is an ad hoc Committee on the Statutes and Regulations. I have asked Illustrious Brother Gilkinson and his Committee to take a look at the entire Stats and Regulations for its equability and value to the Scottish Rite at this point in history. So he has his Committee underway to look into all the Stats and Regulations and they will come forward with amendments at our Session in Montreal, 2017.

All the Actives will have advance notice of those amendments as they produce the package, and I thank them for the work they are doing on that ad hoc committee.

Now we'll get back to the Committee Reports and I will call on Loren Kline for the Committee Report on Ritual.

The Report on the Ritual Committee was presented by III. Bro. Loren W. Kline, 33°.

Report of the Committee On RITUAL

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The committee had only one project this year. This was due to 2 reasons. First the chair suffered an injury that left him unable to be very mobile. Second, except for one request no one suggested a ritual to be reviewed. The chair answered several questions which all centered on what rituals could be used at Master Masons' Nights.

The project that the committee worked on was to generate an informal ceremony for the extinguishing of the lights when some Brethren were unable to attend their Valley. That suggested ritual is attached and forms a part of this report.

Appreciation:

I thank the members of the committee for their input on reviewing the ritual. On behalf of the Committee, I express my sincere thanks to all the members of the Office of the Grand Secretary General, as well as, the Grand Secretary General for their support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Loren W. Kline, 33°, Chairman Stephen Godfrey, 33° Miles Graham, 33° Gordon Greasley, 33° David Hooper, 33° Douglas Keam, 33° Gareth Taylor, 33° Michael Ward, 33° Orlan Weber, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Loren W. Kline, 33° and Michael Ward, 33° that the Report on Ritual be accepted.

SGC: Thank you, Loren. You have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Are there any questions of Loren? Hearing none, I will call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, Loren and your Committee, for all the research you do on the Ritual.

The next Report is the Committee on the General State of the Rite, Rob Whitmore.

The Report on the General State of the Rite was presented by III. Bro. Rob Whitmore, 33°.

Report of the Committee On THE GENERAL STATE OF THE RITE

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Introduction

In compliance with Article 40(c) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council, your committee is pleased to submit this annual report which contains matters pertaining to the State of the Rite throughout this jurisdiction.

This Committee is composed of the Lieutenant Grand Commander as Chairman and the members of this committee are all ten Provincial Deputies across Canada.

Focus for 2015

A major focus this year has been to review in detail the responses coming to us from the National Membership Opinion Survey conducted in 2015; to analyze this data and then to set the framework to enable us to meet our members' needs and wishes and to move forward with measurable improvements in all areas of concern as identified in the survey results. Recognizing the initiatives established by our Sovereign Grand Commander and his predecessors, which are Leadership, Communication, Membership, and Education, the results from the survey have been reviewed by the Deputies and by their respective Valleys with a view to establishing priorities, identifying areas for improvement, and focusing on those areas by establishing a process and means to achieve the improvement and subsequently to measure and evaluate the progress made.

Our Deputies have worked very hard firstly in summarizing, reviewing, and analyzing the data with each of their Valleys and then assisting each Valley by meeting with the leadership teams in each Valley, identifying priorities, and then setting specific goals for achievement and the means to accomplish these goals. On future visits by the Deputy these goals will be revisited and the progress and achieved success will be measured and reported. It is felt that through this structured and analytical approach, with all of us being accountable, Scottish Rite in Canada cannot help but to become even better.

Deputies' Reports

Much appreciation and congratulations are extended to the Deputies across Canada, all of whom have provided us with informative and comprehensive reports regarding the Valleys under their care. A thorough reading of these reports will provide the reader with a good sense as to the ongoing activities in each Valley, the challenges faced by many, and the dedication and commitment coming from so many of our members.

All of the Deputies met in Hamilton for a Deputies' Workshop in November 2015 and also meetings were convened by conference call in January 2016 and in June 2016. Each of these meetings was found to be very useful with a full exchange of information, suggestions, encouragement and ongoing education. We urge that these be continued.

Membership

Declining membership is a constant concern and a common challenge faced by most Valleys. Although final numbers for 2015 are not available as of the time of writing this report, an

analysis of membership statistics shows that during 2014 our overall membership in Lodges of Perfection declined from 15,288 at the beginning of 2014 to 14,719 at year end. This is despite the fact that the number of initiates increased from 210 in 2013 to 340 in 2014. With all but three Valleys having reported thus far, in 2015 there have been 337 initiates. Based on information available as of 2014, only 19.4% of members of our Provincial Grand Lodge members held membership in a Lodge of Perfection. Certainly there is no shortage of potential initiates.

As is recounted in the Deputies' Reports, many Valleys hold Master Mason Nights and other information sessions. This year also saw the release of the new membership video. This is a tool being used by some Valleys and it is hoped that this use will increase and spread throughout the Valleys as we seek to educate and inform potential, interested masons.

Leadership

The leadership initiative is an ongoing process. In the survey many Valleys recognized the dedication of its leadership but also we often see more and more responsibilities and roles falling on the shoulders of fewer and fewer members. Identifying this fact and the ongoing need to recruit, train, and nurture leaders in all Valleys is an area of priority.

Under the leadership of III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33° a thorough review of our Statutes and Regulations is in process and this will result in proposed amendments so as to update our Statutes and Regulations. Another leadership initiative is the formalization of a process to deal with requests for dispensations. This includes accessibility for all Deputies as to dispensations that have been granted and also requests that have been denied. This will assist our Deputies in dealing with such requests and being able to process them in a fair and consistent manner but always recognizing that all such matters must be considered in light of our Statutes and Regulations.

Communication

As referred to above, this year saw the release of the new membership video. Much effort went into this fine production and its use by all Valleys is strongly recommended. It will provide a potential initiate, and indeed anyone who watches it, a favourable and impressive overview of what we are all about. Each year our Website (www.scottishritecanada.ca) is enhanced and becomes more relevant, user friendly, and useful. This too is an important tool in our communications and we urge all members to visit it regularly.

This year also saw the publication of Volume Two of the history of our Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation covering the years 1985 – 2014. Much credit goes to III. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, 33° and his entire team for producing this informative and interesting book. It will provide readers for years to come with insight into the good works of our Foundation and, in its own way, further communicate the message of Scottish Rite to the public.

As our Sovereign Grand Commander travels throughout Canada and beyond, he is an important component in our ongoing communication strategy. He makes a point of explaining the activities and initiatives of our Supreme Council and the messages that he delivers and the feedback he brings to us all are essential to our goals of effective communication and ongoing improvement.

Once again we urge a thorough review of the Deputies' Reports where you will read of the many Valley events through which we communicate with our members and our communities. We look forward with anticipation to the upcoming Scottish Rite Week in Canada to be held November 19 – 26, 2016. Every Valley is encouraged to hold some event or program to heighten the

visibility of Scottish Rite and to help make us known and demonstrate our own pride in Scottish Rite.

Education

Education was consistently recognized as a prime area for focus and development. Our members want it and they are willing to participate in it. Many Valleys have identified education as the first priority to develop and pursue. Several Valleys already have presented programs, established committees, formed study groups, etc. These are detailed in the Deputies' Reports and bode well for our future. In response to this high interest and enthusiasm for education, our Sovereign Grand Commander established the Supreme Council Education and Enlightenment Committee. This hard working committee under direction of III. Bro. R. D. Brethour, 33° will be reporting separately but suffice it to say that its initiative will be well received and of benefit to us all.

Recognition

Your committee is grateful to all who have provided information in the preparation of this report and:

to the Active, Past Active and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council for their continued support of the Scottish Rite through their attendance at numerous Valley and concordant body events and their active participation in degree work. Their skill, guidance, experience, and generosity are much appreciated;

to the Valleys for their efforts in honouring and recognizing longstanding members in their Valleys and members who have made outstanding contributions and also for their ongoing cooperation with this Supreme Council and their very helpful co-operation and participation with the analysis of the survey data and the implementation of the initiatives coming out of it;

and to the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Grand Secretary-General, the Chief Operating Officer and the staff at the Supreme Council Office for their ongoing assistance to the members of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Whitmore, 33°, Chairman Lieutenant Grand Commander

Committee Members (all Provincial Deputies)

William C. Fitzsimmons, 33° Stephen Godfrey, 33° Gordon L. Greasley, 33° Loren W. Kline, 33° Victor Lepp, 33° Chesley R. Piercey, 33° James Finch, 33° Jean Reed, 33° Gareth R. Taylor, 33° David Bennett, 33° ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Rob Whitmore, 33° and Vic Lepp, 33° for the Report on the State of the Rite to be accepted.

SGC: Thank you, Rob. You have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Are there any questions of Rob? Hearing none, I will call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, Rob. Do you want to move right into your Leadership Initiative?

The Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiatives - Leadership Report was presented by III. Bro. Rob Whitmore, 33°.

Report of the Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiatives **LEADERSHIP**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

Alice: "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

Cheshire Cat: "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to."

Alice: "I don't much care where."

Cheshire Cat: "Then it doesn't matter which way you go."

With this dialogue between Alice, during her afternoon in Wonderland, and the ever grinning Cheshire Cat, Rev Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known by his pseudonym Lewis Carroll, points out to all of us the importance of leadership, goals, and a purpose. As it was with Alice, lost in the crazy world of Wonderland, so it is for us in Scottish Rite as we search for the right direction, strive to move forward, and ever to improve our wonderful Scottish Rite masonic world.

Our Sovereign Grand Commander has continued the initiative on leadership which was established a couple of years ago and I am pleased to report on the activities of this initiative during this past year. In this regard, we have benefitted greatly by the dedication and enthusiasm brought to the task by all of our Deputies. After receiving the results from the National Membership Opinion Survey, each Deputy was provided with the data from each of his various valleys. Each Deputy was requested to summarize the open ended comments received on a Valley by Valley basis and I, as chairman, then summarized the overall responses from the Deputies. This data then provided a fairly detailed synopsis of concerns, both good and bad, relating to leadership in each Valley.

After this stage of the review was completed, each Deputy was requested to meet with the leadership of each Valley and share the results with them. In particular, it was suggested that consideration be given to the following questions:

- 1. Do those aspects of leadership previously identified as working well continue to work well?
- 2. What aspects of leadership identified previously in the Survey as needing improvement actually have been addressed by at least identifying some positive steps needed and to be taken so as to achieve improvement?

- 3. Have any positive steps already been taken and if so what are they and what has been their outcome?
- 4. What further action is planned to improve leadership in the Valley and what is the anticipated time frame?
- 5. Are there any other comments or recommendations?

Recognizing that, in some small Valleys, the response rate to the survey was quite low, it can be said generally that most of these Valley meetings conducted by the Deputies went well and were well received by the participating members. Following each meeting, the Deputy was requested to provide a report on his meeting and specifically to answer the above questions and to identify any specific area of focus on which the Valley wanted to concentrate.

Without any doubt, a major area of focus throughout most Valleys was the desire and enthusiasm for education. The Supreme Council Education and Enlightenment Committee is recognizing and responding to this interest as expressed by our members, but throughout our Valleys and as a result of these small Valley leadership meetings with the Deputies, many Valleys have established their own initiatives to provide education to their members. Other Valleys identified membership and also leadership as areas for concentrated effort and improvement.

Examples of some Valley initiatives include things such as: the establishment of mentors for officers and for those who aspire to becoming officers, establishing a system to coordinate the masonic activities among the various concordant bodies in a Valley, a focus on improving the manner in which ritual is conducted, the organization and presentation of events to encourage new members and to present the new membership video, the formation of degree teams, an organized program whereby each degree would be explained to candidates prior to taking part in a degree and then a debriefing after the degree, a more aggressive reaching out to craft lodges, higher use of email, and the establishment or enhancement of Valley websites.

These are only some of the specific plans and goals established by individual Valleys. With these commitments and others in place, the plan now is for the Deputies to return in the upcoming year and to meet again with Valley leaders and determine the progress made and hopefully to measure and report on the resulting successes and improvements in each Valley.

Thus we return to Alice, lost in Wonderland. Unlike her answer to the Cheshire Cat, we do care about which direction we are headed. Having specific directions and goals identified in most of our Valleys, we now know the road to follow and must now make the effort to travel towards our destination. While this quest for improvement is and ought to be never ending, each successful step along the way cannot help but to strengthen and improve our wonderful Scottish Rite.

In closing, I extend my thanks to our Sovereign Grand Commander and to our Chief Operating Officer for their ongoing ideas, encouragement, and focus on this initiative. Above all, we must recognize the efforts and commitment by each of our Deputies in organizing and attending the individual Valley leadership meetings and then reporting back to us. Without their dedication and that of the Valley leaders who contributed so much to these various meetings, this initiative would not be possible. I look forward to their continued assistance and cooperation as we move forward into a further year of improvement and success.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Whitmore, 33° Lieutenant Grand Commander ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Rob Whitmore, 33° and Vic Lepp, 33° that the Leadership Initiative Report be accepted.

SGC: Thank you, Rob. You have heard the Motion properly proposed and seconded. Any questions of Rob? Hearing none, I will call for the vote: All in Favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, Rob. The next report is the one that I am managing, and that is Membership Initiative, and that Report can be found on pages 27 to 30 in your Preliminary Proceedings.

The Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33° presented The Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiatives - Membership Report.

Report of the Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiatives MEMBERSHIP

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Brethren:

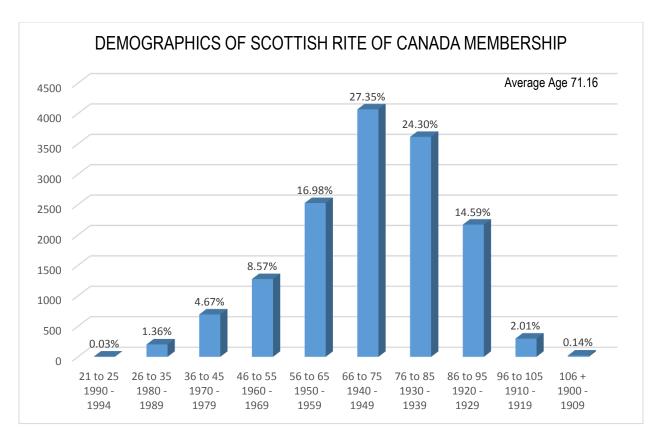
Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, 33° IPSGC in his final Allocution 2015 stated and I quote,

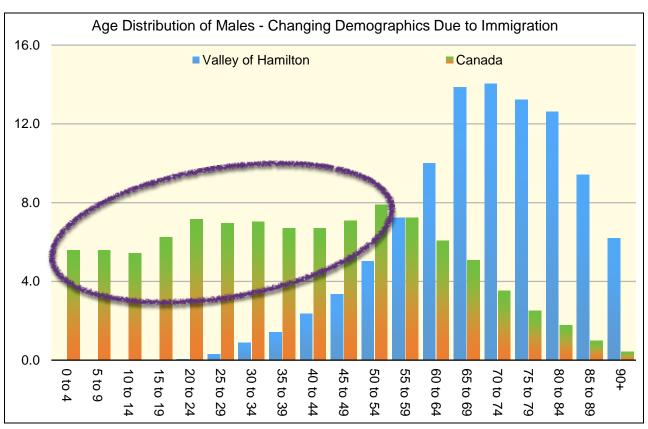
"I firmly believe that Scottish Rite Freemasonry can assist Master Masons who wish to further explore Freemasonry to continue their personal journeys of exploration and contemplation on what it means to be a Freemason in today's society. Scottish Rite Freemasonry can provide the highway on which the Master Mason may journey throughout his lifetime. It is incumbent on each of us to continue to strive to promote the value of becoming a member of our Rite."

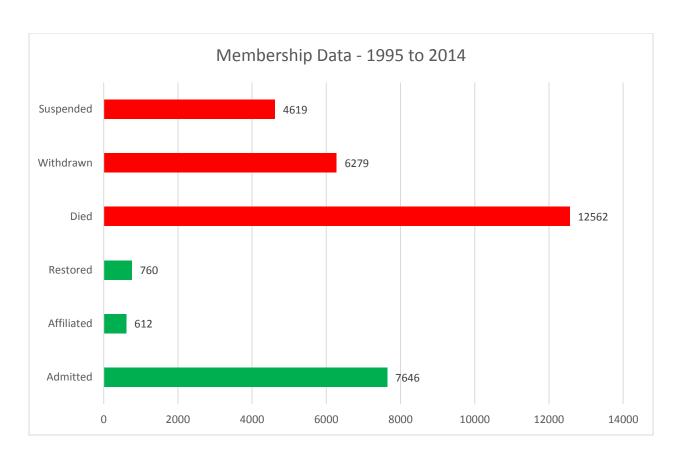
To this end I am of the firm belief that Supreme Council, being a governing body must be seen as providing resources and support to our Valleys by creating a national profile to support the Valleys in their efforts in membership recruitment, communication, leadership and Scottish Rite education and enlightenment.

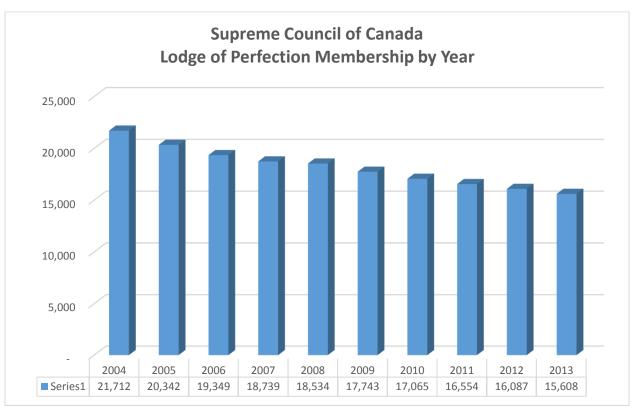
As a result, over the last couple of years, listening to the feedback received from the Valley-wide Membership Survey, a shopping cart full of membership tools has been made available to all the Valleys. The SR Membership Jewel, the launch of the membership video-The Masonic Journey Continues, new Membership Brochures, a 50th Anniversary SRCF video, Volume Two of the History of our Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation 1985-2014, Membership Survey Improvement Planning, and a SGC welcome letter to new SR members on receiving their 14th degree. Also a paper on how Scottish Rite can support Craft Lodges is coming soon. Master Masons nights and Scottish Rite Degree teams are proving very beneficial in disseminating information about the Rite.

In my working career I was taught to make our opportunities and challenges visible using factual data for all to see and work on solutions together. Following, are five charts reflecting current membership data and trends made visible.









2014 Statistics - Based on 2015 Proceedings and 2015 List of Lodges				
Jurisdiction	Grand Lodge Membership	Lodge of Perf. Membership	Conversion Percent	2013
Alberta	7,137	802	11.2%	11.5%
British Columbia & Yukon	8,594	1,117	13.0%	13.8%
Manitoba	2,188	291	13.3%	12.0%
New Brunswick	2,998	445	14.8%	16.1%
Newfoundland & Labrador	2,076	80	3.9%	4.4%
Nova Scotia	4,607	460	10.0%	10.0%
Ontario	40,543	10,530	26.0%	25.9%
Prince Edward Island	702	66	9.4%	9.4%
Quebec	4,218	477	11.3%	11.6%
Saskatchewan	2,698	451	16.7%	16.3%
Total	75,761	14,719	19.4%	19.6%
2013 Returns	78,090	15,288	19.6%	

Now these are the facts, let's continue to work together on innovative concepts and solutions to enhance membership growth. We need your ideas and look forward to your thoughts.

In closing I extend my thanks and appreciation to the champions of our four initiatives the Lieutenant Grand Commander on the Leadership Initiative, the Grand Secretary-General on the Communication initiative, and III. Bro. Robert Brethour, 33° on the Education and Enlightenment initiative. Also I am grateful to the Provincial Deputies and the Active and Past Active members for their support and communication of these initiatives in the Valleys as we move forward.

Respectively submitted,

Terry A. McLean, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Rob Whitmore, 33° and Vic Lepp, 33° that the Membership Initiative Report be accepted.

SGC: You heard the motion properly proposed and seconded. Any questions? Hearing none, I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

I'll now call on the Report on Communications, Brian Gilkinson.

The Report on Communications was presented by III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°.

Report of the Special Committee on **COMMUNICATIONS**

The members of the Communications Committee have been engaged in a renewed consideration of its particular mission in a Rite that has a variety of means and lines of communications within it. These include communication between the Supreme Council Office and the Grand Secretaries/Registrars in the Valleys and communication between Supreme Council and the Valleys on policy and administrative issues through the Deputies.

Also important are the communication initiatives that take place through the production and distribution of Valley newsletters and our national publications, the Communique as well as the Clarion, the joint publication of Supreme Council and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. Evidence of the impact of the Valley liaisons to this committee can be found in the articles regarding Valley events produced for these publications. All Scottish Rite brethren are requested to keep their Valley liaisons involved in plans regarding Valley events so they can be suitably recorded for the benefit of the Valley membership and a wider audience beyond the Valley.

The Sovereign Grand Commander has appointed III. Bro. Alan Arbuckle, 33° to the position of co-chairman of the committee. Alan brings a wealth of experience in communications to this position. We are both working with the Sovereign Grand Commander in considering new initiatives and guidelines for committee activity now that work to support the 50th anniversary of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is complete and a communications structure in each Valley has been established. III. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33° remains a valued member of the committee and, in particular, continues his role as editor of the Communique while also performing his duties as Deputy and as President of the Charitable Foundation.

The Supreme Council Office now distributes Valley notices to all Deputies and members of the Communications Committee and liaisons as a means to broaden the distribution of material of potential significance to the improvement of activities within the Valleys. Newsletters received by the office are placed on the scottishritecanada.ca website in the Members Section under "information". They are a useful resource in learning of activities in Valleys that may be advantageous if introduced elsewhere.

The committee requests that opportunities to share good news be identified as we seek to introduce best practices and thereby strengthen the Rite, commencing with a well functioning communications structure all members can exploit.

Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°, Chairman, Grand Secretary-General Alan D. Arbuckle, 33° Co-chairman

Terry A. McLean, 33° Gareth R. Taylor, 33° Clayton Handrigan, 33° Kent Clarke, 33° Graham Fraser, 33° Jacques Ruelland, 32° Douglas Crawford, 33° Milan Cobanov, 32° Kenneth McComb, 33° William Cave, 33° ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Alan Arbuckle, 33° that the Report on Communications be accepted.

SGC: You've heard the Motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions of Brian? Hearing none, I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, Brian, for your work on the Communications, and looking forward to Alan, as well, his work.

GSG: You're welcome.

SGC: The third ad hoc committee that we've had underway is How the Scottish Rite can support Craft Lodges, and I have asked Gary Dowling to prepare a paper. He has prepared that paper and he has given it to me.

So these two documents I have approved. I will e-mail these documents to all the Active Members of Supreme Council after the Session. I would ask that you review the documents and any input you would like to have, please present to me.

On September 30, we will post this document on the website and will also ensure that the Valley Secretaries receive copies of these documents. It's a very handy resource tool to help the Valleys.

I thank Gary Dowling for his efforts in preparing those papers. Is Gary in the audience? Thank you very much, Brother Dowling.

III. Bro. Dowling: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Now I'll call for the Report on Audit and Finance, John Harrison.

III. Bro. John Harrison, 33° Chairman of Audit and Finance, presented his report.

Report of the Standing Committee On AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren.

The duties of the Audit and Finance Committee are outlined in the Statutes and Regulations in Article 40 (a) (i) through (vii).

Constituent Bodies – By-law Amendments

During this past year, as Chairman of this Committee, I have reviewed the requests for by-law amendments and provided comments to the Grand Secretary-General and to the Chairman of Jurisprudence and Legislation.

Reports of the Grand Secretary General, Grand Treasurer General, the Board of Trustees and Auditors

The Committee has examined the Annual Reports of the Grand Secretary General, the Grand Treasurer General, the Board of Trustees and Auditors as printed in the Preliminary Reports on pages 2 through 25. These reports were found to be informative and complete. The Committee recommends their adoption.

Audited Financial Statements

The committee reviewed the audited financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2016 in detail. The auditor, Grant Thornton, provided a clean audit opinion.

For the year ended May 31, 2016 Supreme Council incurred an operating deficit, or excess of expenses over revenue (before investment and unrealized gain or loss) in the amount of \$91,899.00 compared to a deficit of \$113,462.00 in 2015.

Realized investment income of \$69,849.00 reduced the deficit to \$22,050.00 compared with a deficit of \$20,600.00 in 2015. After recognizing unrealized losses on the portfolio of \$43,849.00 in 2016, there was a net loss of \$65,899.00. In 2015 there was a net loss of \$63,845.00 after unrealized losses of \$43,245.00. Supreme Council's investment portfolio is stated at market and the changes in value are flowed through the statement of operations.

The Audit and Finance Committee recommends that the audited financial statement for the year ended May 31, 2016 be accepted as submitted by their Grand Treasurer-General. We wish to thank our auditors, Grant Thornton, for their assistance throughout this fiscal year.

Budget 2016 – 2017

The **committee** has reviewed the budget prepared by the Grand Treasurer-General for the financial year 2016 – 2107. The cost of Annual Sessions and declining attendance are concerns expressed by the Grand Treasurer-General, and the Audit & Finance Committee share his concerns. Last year's Session in Windsor experienced an excess of revenue over expenses of \$1419.00, before travel allowance, and Session costs were reduced by \$8589.00 compared to 2015. We are hopeful that this year's Session in St. John's will be successful.

The Committee believes the budget to be reasonable for the current fiscal year and, therefore, recommends the adoption of the budget as presented by our Grand Treasurer-General.

The Committee also finds it important to comment on the fact that we have witnessed an average annual decline in membership of 5% over the past 20 years.

While we acknowledge and appreciate the fact that new programs have and are being introduced to address our membership decline, we continue to operate in a climate of minimal return on our investments which result in an excess of expenses over revenue on an annual basis. Clearly this is a situation which has a limited life span, and we therefore support an increase in annual dues as warranted and necessary.

We would also like to note, as was noted last year, that Sessions have been committed for Montreal in 2017 and London for 2018. The Committee strongly recommends that plans for future Sessions beyond 2018 be carefully considered by the Advisory Council.

The fourth point of the Mission Statement of Supreme Council reads that the Scottish Rite is a financially sound organization which leads by example.

We have already made observations with regards to Supreme Council's finances in the previous sections and I will now address the Committee's review of the Valleys financial returns.

Financial Statements of Constituent Bodies:

At time of writing, there are nine Valleys who have either not filed their annual returns or submitted their financial statements. Of these nine Valleys, one Valley has filed only once in the past four years.

This appears to be an improvement over previous years; however, this continues to be of concern to the Committee since the financial statements and auditors reports are supposed to be presented to the members at the AGM of the constituent body or the Valley.

In some cases, there appears to be a reluctance to fully divulge the financial status of a Valley, which is not only problematic from an operational point of view, but in violation of our Statutes and Regulations.

In many cases however; the Valley Treasurers appear to struggle with the duties of their office and may be reluctant to reach out for help.

Some Valleys submit statements of a professional quality; however, some Treasurers clearly lack the skill set or background to execute their task.

Some examples:

- Audited financial statements have been sent in that upon review don't balance; which begs the question – how thorough is the audit, and are the auditors qualified to perform this task or merely rubber stamping what is submitted?
- Some Valleys submitted AF Forms but did not send accompanying financials, which makes the AF Forms somewhat redundant.

We also found areas of concern with the five-year forecast submitted by some Valleys:

- Five year forecasts were submitted without any plan for an increase in operational expenses or membership.
- We also received five year forecasts with a plan of one new candidate per year

Clearly there is a lack of understanding of the basic accounting principles, and I'm not high lighting this to embarrass the parties in question, but to acknowledge that assistance is required, and to emphasize the fact that there is a joint responsibility within the Valley to assist the Treasurer and ensure that he is able to complete his tasks to at least a fundamental level of accounting principles.

If they have the financial where with all, there is no reason that a Valley could not arrange for the services of a professional book keeper to assist in getting and keeping their financial situation on track. This is much cheaper than engaging an Accounting firm and could be a realistic avenue to resolve their issues.

It's also important for a Valley to understand that a five year plan is not the responsibility of one individual, but rather a joint exercise which should be conducted by an Executive Committee of Trustees or Officers to ensure that the Valley has a plan to continue their existence. It's really that simple – a body of members sit down to discuss how they are going to continue their operations. The questions to consider are as follows:

- What is the current financial state of the Valley?
- How much does it cost to conduct a reunion?
- What are the projected operating expenses over the next five years? Rent, utilities, taxes will increase each year and past financials or at least cheques written will provide a guideline for comparison.
- Are membership fees adequate to cover expenses?
- How many new members are required for each reunion to break even?

These fundamental points set the tone for the Valley in terms of engagement with its members and hopefully promote use of the programs that Supreme Council has in place to assist with education and membership.

We will continue to follow up with the Deputies, and the Valleys in question to try and assist with getting them on track.

There was an observation that perhaps in some Valleys the Treasurer momentarily left the room and was elected in absentia, or simply drew the short straw. In any event; our purpose is not to judge, but to assist and direct the Valley to ensure that they are compliant with their obligations.

Part of our review includes receipt of the year end statements from the investments associated with Life Member Trust Funds.

As many of you enjoyed the benefit of my predecessor; III. Bro Duncan Skinner's report from last year, I will refrain from repeating his concerns, however tempting that may be. The issues recorded last year comparing commuted dues and annual dues continue to be a concern and it might be advisable to return to that report for his excellent commentary.

I am concerned that there appears to be investments made with little understanding of the inherent risk involved. We are in challenging financial times.

In reviewing the Statements from the Investments for one particular Valley, the following observation was made:

"Your portfolio distribution corresponds to an Aggressive Investor profile. Changes should be made, please contact your agent.

The generally accepted definition of an Aggressive Investor is as follows:

"An Aggressive Investor values maximizing returns and is willing to accept substantial risk. The investor believes maximizing returns is more important than protecting principal. An Aggressive investor may endure excessive volatility and significant losses. Liquidity is generally not a concern to an Aggressive investor."

Trust funds by their very definition are designed to provide financial security.

One would think that a review of their investor statement might induce someone to question the investment strategy of the Valley. Or is it even disclosed?

If audited financial statements are not presented to the membership, and members are not aware of the relevant financial risk, what is the potential outcome of a market downfall to the point where rates of return fall into the negative, or substantially negative area?

At some point in time, a question of responsibility and potential liability may rear its ugly head.

Valleys are required to act in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations of their governing body - The Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry of Canada.

If Valleys fail to properly disclose their financial information; if the Deputy conducts an Official Visit and provides a satisfactory report; and then the Audit and Finance Committee assembled to review this information on behalf of Supreme Council is unable to report on the financial and organizational strength of a Valley due to a lack of proper disclosure, who is responsible for liability in the event of a substantial or catastrophic loss?

I am of the opinion that we have a responsibility as Members of Supreme Council to be proactive to ensure that every Valley submits their report as required and that we in turn provide whatever guidance or assistance we can to get them or ensure that they remain on the right track. It's not a matter of being demanding or high handed. We are living in very challenging times. We acknowledge an annual reduction averaging 5% in our membership; the financial markets are entering areas of negative returns with no indication in sight for any improvement in investment rates of return.

Masonry has always been traditionally slow to accept change; however, change we must if we are to continue to effectively operate in the future of challenging times.

It is my intention to utilize the experience of the extremely talented members of this committee to introduce some newsletters or guidelines which may be of benefit to some Valleys in meeting the challenge of our financial responsibilities and we will be meeting in the fall of this year to further examine and execute this plan.

Volunteers Requested

This will be the final year for one of our committee members, Ill. Bro. Donald D. Thornton, 33° who is taking on the challenge of establishing a new Learning Centre in the Valley of Hamilton. We are grateful for Don's service and wish him every success in his new challenge.

That being said, we are in need of a few new reviewers to join our committee.

Conclusion

In conclusion, as Chairman, I would like to express my gratitude to our Sovereign Grand Commander, III. Bro. Terry McLean 33°; the Grand Secretary General, III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°; Grand Treasurer-General, III. Bro. Thomas E. Lewis, 33°; Chief Operating Officer, III. Bro Steven Warren, 33°; and Leslie Drake at our Supreme Council Office for their assistance and guidance to the Audit and Finance Committee.

During this past year we lost one of our committee members, III Bro. Joseph Chamberlain 33°, to cancer. I had the honour and privilege of serving with Joe when we were elected District Deputy Grand Masters in the same year. Joe was a good man, a dedicated Masonic servant and he is and will be missed.

I am very grateful to the members of this committee for their time, their patience, and guidance as I worked through my first year in this role as Chairman.

We look forward to continuing to serve.

Respectfully submitted:

John Harrison, 33°, Chairman Harris Jones, 33° Donald D. Thornton, 33° Evan Woodhead, 33° Peter Polkinghorne, 33° James Sutherland, 33° Sid Woods, 33° ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. John Harrison, 33° and James Sutherland, 33° for the adoption of Report on Audit and Finance.

SGC: Thank you, John. You have heard the motion properly proposed and second. Any questions of John? Hearing none, I will call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, John, for taking on this Chairmanship and thank you and your Committee. They had their meeting yesterday morning and then he has the time to prepare his Report to present it to Supreme Council.

Now I would call on the Report for Fraternal Relations by Matthew Todd.

The Report for Fraternal Relations was presented by III. Bro. Matt Todd, 33°.

Report of the Committee On FRATERNAL RELATIONS

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations is pleased to present this report in discharge of the duty imposed upon it by Article 40(c) of the Statutes of this Supreme Council to keep informed with respect to fraternal relations with other Supreme Councils and Masonic Bodies throughout the world, to advise the Sovereign Grand Commander with respect to the conduct thereof and to report thereon to this Supreme Council at each Annual Session.

As you are aware, III. Bro. John V Lawer, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, had been the Chairman of this Committee for many years. III. Bro. Lawer, always provided a very detailed report on happenings throughout the world Supreme Councils, and other affairs. We will miss his in depth knowledge and passion for keeping abreast of the importance of Fraternal Relations.

Having taken over the Chairmanship, after III. Bro. Lawer's passing, this year's report will be much briefer, and we offer apologies to Supreme Councils in world jurisdictions who may have expected to be mentioned in the report when they receive a copy later in the year. We will certainly endeavor to make note of all important events and changes which may have an effect on our Supreme Council.

We are pleased to report as follows:

Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of North America

The Annual Conference was held this year in Madison, Wisconsin, February 22-23, 2016. The Supreme Council of Canada was represented by III. Bro. Steven Warren, 33° COO of our Supreme Council office. A very detailed report has been provided by Bro. Warren, and he stated in his report there were 456 brethren and 194 spouses in attendance. You will recall last years' conference was held in Vancouver. R.W. Bro. David Cameron, of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, gave a keynote address which highlighted the 21st Century take on early Masonry. He stated there has been an ebb and flow of members over the period

and provided encouragement to Lodges to make it more interesting for all members in order to retain membership.

All Canada Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges

The 34th Annual Conference of Grand and District Grand Lodges was held in Winnipeg, April 22-23^d, 2016. The representative from Supreme Council this year was, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Grand Secretary-General. Ill. Bro. Richard A. Brown, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, attended in his capacity as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. A very detailed report has been provided by Ill. Bro. Gilkinson, and it is worthy to note discussions took place on Grand Lodges throughout the world which have applied for recognition, and include, Paraguay and Bulgaria. These have come before the Conference in previous years and no decision was made. In many countries there is more than one Grand Lodge and careful consideration and investigation must be given before confirming recognition. It is interesting to note in Ill. Bro. Gilkinson's report, the Observers held a session entitled, "How Masonry has changed from, 30, 50 and 100 years ago. The discussion centered around modern communications today and the great affect it has on current membership.

<u>Australia</u>

We received confirmation of the Officers appointed to serve for 2016 with M.P. Bro. Ian E. Tilbury serving as Sovereign Grand Commander. The only change in Officer designation is the Grand Secretary General, Ill. Bro. Dominic De Candia has been elevated as an Honorary member of the Supreme Council.

Romania

Since our last report, Sovereign Grand Commander, III. Bro Costel Iancu, 33° has been suspended by the National Grand Lodge of Romania and subsequently, new officers were appointed to the Supreme Council. The new Sovereign Grand Commander is III. Bro. Stelian Nestor 33°.

Latvia

Our thanks to the Sovereign Grand Commander of Latvia for sending a copy of the 8th Annual Baltic Briefing of the Supreme Councils of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, held in Riga, September 11-13, 2015.

<u>Greece</u>

We had earlier in the year received notification of the election of III. Bro. Spyros Kamalakis, 33° had been re-elected as Sovereign Grand Commander and we offered our congratulations at that time. We were surprised to learn, very recently, that due to disharmony in the Supreme Council, III. Bro. Kamalakis has resigned. We have known him for a number of years, and he attended the World Conference in Toronto, in 2010, in his capacity as Lieutenant Grand Commander. We have acknowledged his letter and offered our best wishes.

2016 Annual Session

Your committee members are looking forward to meeting the many friends who will be present from other Masonic Bodies, when we gather in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. This will be the occasion of the 142nd Annual Session of our Supreme Council.

We will welcome a delegation from the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction which will include III. Bro. William Brunk, 33°, Grand Minister of State, and SGIG for North Carolina, III. Bro. Charles V. Sederstrom, 33°, Grand Treasurer, and SGIG in Nebraska, III. Bro. Joe R. Manning, Jr. 33°, Grand Prior, and SGIG in Oklahoma, and his wife Cindy. III. Bro. Manning is the Grand Representative of this Supreme Council near the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

We are pleased to welcome from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, III. Bro. Gail N. Kemp, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander, and his wife Sandy.

Representing the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, we will welcome Most Worshipful Bro. Larry B. Grandy, and his wife Beverly. From the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Brother W. Scott Bartlett, District Grand Master, and his wife Karen.

Representing Concordant Bodies we will welcome:

Most Illustrious Knight Companion Thomas A. Mortlock, 33°, of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, and his wife Wenda.

Most Eminent Knight Gerald A. Riley, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and his wife Eileen.

Ernest Loiselle, President DeMolay Canada, accompanied by his wife, Linda.

Most Excellent Companion, Ian. A. Murray, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Gerald W. Budden, 33°, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, Newfoundland and Labrador, and his wife, Christine.

Illustrious Sir Elmer Ryzuk, Potentate of Mazol Shriners in Newfoundland and Labrador, and his wife, Margaret.

Conclusion

In conclusion, your Committee recommends that all communication and all actions taken by the Sovereign Grand Commander and other officers and members of Supreme Council in respect of our relations with other Supreme Councils and Grand Masonic Bodies be ratified and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew F. Todd, 33°, Chairman Donald D. Thornton, 33° Orlan J. Weber, 33° Richard A. H. Brown, 33° Stephen Godfrey, 33° Steven E. Warren, 33°

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Matt Todd, 33° and Richard Brown, 33° that this Report of Fraternal Relations be adopted.

SGC: Thank you, Matthew. You've heard the motion properly moved and seconded. All in favour? Opposed if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, Matthew, for taking over this Committee with the passing of John Lawer.

Now the Report on The Clarion, Ken McComb.

Editor in Chief, III. Bro. Ken McComb, 33° presented his Report on the Clarion.

Report of the Special Committee On THE CLARION

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

This report is a summary of the successes, opportunities, and areas that need review for future editions of the Clarion magazine.

Mission Statement

The Clarion is a joint publication of Supreme Council (SC) and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation (SRCF) that provides news of "Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Action" in Canada, to inform, to educate, to provide awareness in our communities and to share our experiences and achievements.

Our ongoing objectives are to provide a 1st Class Quality Publication, to ensure every Scottish Rite member receives a copy and to obtain revenue-generating opportunities so the Clarion becomes self-sustaining. The Clarion is a key component of our Communication initiative.

Brief Highlights on the 8th Edition of the Clarion Winter 2016

The Winter 2016 issue circulated to over 13,000 members across Canada as well as to all Supreme Councils with who we are in amity. 14,000 copies were printed for distribution.

The cover this year was entitled and primarily devoted to Charity and Duty. Charity - was represented by the successful results of the 50th YEAR ANNIVERSARY \$1 Million Campaign. Duty - was represented by the New Scottish Rite Membership Jewel.

Major articles included a Summary Report of the \$1 Million Capital Fundraising Campaign, a report on the Scottish Rite Membership Jewel and an interview with our Sovereign Grand Commander.

Other articles included Valley News, the Book Review, Windsor 2015 Memories, articles with regards to the SRCF and reports on Deputy Scholarships and Awards. All articles proved to be very popular for the readers.

It is important to note that the publication increased from 12 pages to 16 pages. The number of submissions increased dramatically, however, due to budget constraints the Editorial Board Members felt that the increase in size of this publication had to be limited. The result was that several articles that were submitted could not be included in the 2016 publication, 12 articles to be exact. However, those articles not included in the 2016 Clarion were sent to Scottish Rite Masons via the Fall-Winter 2015 Communique.

We continue to seek big-name advertisers to reduce the postage costs. Per edition - full page (back or inside cover) \$2,000, half page \$1,000, quarter page \$500. We thank Ecclesiastical Insurance and RBC Dominion Securities for their continued support. This was the first year for Canadian Masonic Supply out of High River, Alberta and we hope that it will not be the last.

Once again we inserted the SRCF Blue envelop into the magazine. We would recommend this process be continued in all upcoming issues and our heartfelt thanks to the many donors.

In spite of rising costs, in year 8 we would have stayed within budget, however with the increase in the number of quality articles submitted, the Editorial Board felt it was necessary to increase the number of pages in the 2016 Edition which resulted in a slightly higher cost.

There was a slight delay this year in delivery to our membership due to the very tough decisions that had to be made as to which articles should be included. A great problem to have.

Clarion current and back issues are available on the SC and SRCF websites at www.scottishritecanada.ca and wwwsrcf.ca.

Opportunities

We are very pleased with the contributions from all the Scottish Rite Valleys across Canada and look forward to the submissions for the next issue. Please send your wonderful stories and events of interest to office@supreme33.ca

Moving Forward

- 1. Consider the Budget for 2017
- 2. Continue to pursue advertisers as sponsors
- 3. Expand distribution of magazine to both the public and the communities
- 4. Put tenders out for Clarion printing, distribution and mailing
- 5. Investigate on line distribution

Next Issue

Coming in December 2016 with an article submission deadline of Nov 1 the Clarion will be looking for many Valley success stories/activities, the SGC's Leadership Initiative as well as the standard popular sections.

Feedback Received

Once again very positive feedback was received on this issue. We have received many kind letters from our shut-in members. We trust you have found it an enjoyable and an informative read.

I, as the Editor-in-Chief, wish to thank III. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, for all of his support and guidance, Gareth R. Taylor, 33°, the President of the SRCF, III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, III. Bro. Steven E. Warren ,33° COO, the Deputies, the Valley Directors of Communications, all Valley Grand Secretaries/Registrars, all who contributed articles, Ms. Leslie Drake, Administrative Associate for magazine co-ordination, Mindpress Inc. for design and layout and PBI Printing for their assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken McComb, 33° Editor-in-Chief

Editorial Board Members: Terry McLean, 33°, SGC Gareth R. Taylor, 33° President SRCF Allard B. Loopstra, 33° Representing SRCF Gordon L. Greasley, 33° Representing SC ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Ken McComb, 33° and Allard Loopstra, 33° for the adoption of the Report on the Clarion.

SGC: Thank you, Ken. You have heard the motion properly proposed and seconded. Any questions of the Chairman? Hearing none, we'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, Ken, for the work you do on The Clarion. This is truly a magazine that is growing over the years.

You will notice that the Lieutenant Grand Commander has left the building. He has gone to welcome the class and bring greetings on behalf of Supreme Council. He should be returning shortly. There are 35 members of the class and they are getting their instructions from our COO, Steven Warren, right now.

I will call on the Report of Library and Archives, Victor Lepp.

The Report on Library and Archives was presented by Chairman, Ill. Bro. Vic Lepp, 33°

Report of the Special Committee On LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Andrew Carnegie, who arrived on American soil as a poor child from Scotland in the mid-1800's, went on to become the richest man on earth – and then gave it all away. An astute businessman turned philanthropist, he gave \$60 million to build a grand total of 2,509 libraries throughout the United States and Canada as well.

Above the door of the one in Washington is the quotation "dedicated to the diffusion of knowledge". These libraries, open to all, became known as "the intellectual breadline". They contained learnings available to all – rich or poor, regardless of colour, race, creed or station in life.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we not only espouse philanthropy but have made a solemn promise to "make a daily advancement in knowledge". To assist us in this quest, we are working hard to bring the Scottish Rite Library into such a resource.

While still in the process of cataloguing our books, we are examining the most cost-effective way of getting our collection on-line on the Supreme Council website. Also in the process is the digitalizing of our older archival records in order to increase their usability and durability, creating a frame of reference to help with defining the services needed as well as determining future acquisitions.

We thank those who have donated and forwarded books and materiel. They are very much appreciated.

While the Scottish Rite Library and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario cooperate in many aspects, we are both organized and managed independently. We appreciate their knowledge and experience assisting us in this process.

Our thanks are extended to the Grand Secretary-General, III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, COO, III. Bro. Steven Warren, 33° and Administrative Assistant Leslie Drake for their continued support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Lepp, 33°, Chairman Donald L. Cosens, 33° James E. Ford, 33° Thomas H. Fiddes, 33° Lanny R. Salmon, 33° Thomas A. Wills, 33°

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Vic Lepp, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for the acceptance of the Report on Library and Archives.

SGC: Thank you, Vic. You have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, Vic, for your work on the Library and Archives, and your Committee.

Now I'll call for the Report on the Committee on The Communiqué, Gareth Taylor.

The Report on The Communiqué was presented by III. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°

Report of the Special Committee on THE COMMUNIQUÉ

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The primary focus of the Committee has been on the production and circulation of the *Communiqué* as a way of providing information to the Brethren across the country. In 2015-2016 the *Communiqué* was published 2 times; a Fall – Winter 2015 edition that was circulated in December 2015, and a Spring – Summer 2016 edition circulated in July 2016. This is in addition to the seventh edition of the Clarion being published this year.

The Communiqué is sent to over 700 Scottish Rite Brethren across the country. The Communiqué is very appreciative to those Valley Secretaries and others who forward the Communiqué to Brethren in their Valleys.

This publication is dependent on the information provided by our members and it was very encouraging to see an increase in the number of articles and photographs submitted this year. We are deeply indebted to those who have taken the time to submit material for publication.

Many of these were from Members or Valleys who have not submitted previously. We encourage Valleys to share your good news stories with Scottish Riters across the country.

Respectfully submitted,

Gareth R. Taylor, 33°, Chairman

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Gareth Taylor, 33° and Allard Loopstra, 33° for the acceptance of the Report on the Communiqué.

SGC: Thank you, Gareth. You have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions of Gareth? Hearing none, all in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, Gareth, for the work you do on The Communiqué. That was a really interesting article on the Masonic Park here in Mount Pearl.

I call on the Report of the Committee on DeMolay Leadership Development, Bill Atkinson. III. Bro. William Atkinson, 33° Chairman of DeMolay Leadership Development presented his report.

Report of the Special Committee on **DeMOLAY – LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Annually, the Scottish Rite of Canada offers three \$500 Scholarships to assist the members of DeMolay Canada in attending the DeMolay Leadership Training Course of their choice. Distributions of the awards are as follows: 1 each for Western Canada (BC, Alberta and Manitoba), Central Canada (Ontario and Quebec), and the Atlantic Provinces (New Brunswick, PEI and Nova Scotia).

DeMolay Ontario has published a new article on their website. Scottish Rite Youth Leadership Training Awards.

Any active member of DeMolay Canada may apply by submitting an online application. All applications must be entered before June 15, 2016. These awards are expected to reimburse costs and not pay in advance for attendance at the conference, proof of attendance may be required. Each Canadian DeMolay may submit one application only.

The selection committee is composed of members of the Board of Directors of DeMolay Canada and or Supreme Council of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasons of Canada. The decision of the selection committee is final.

Awards will be presented at the Annual Communications of the Supreme Council A&ASR of Canada in St. John's NL, on September 16, 2016. For those not in attendance, awards will be forwarded to local Executive Officers for suitable presentation at a later date.

The Key Man Conference in PA, USA is an example of the Leadership Training available to the aspiring DeMolay.

Since its inception over 30 years ago, PA DeMolay's Key Man Conference ("KMC") has been preparing top-quality leaders for service in their home Chapters and Jurisdictions. We are proud to have trained thousands of new DeMolays, Chapter Officers, Jurisdictional Officers and Advisors from all over the U.S and Canada. From a humble start as a local, PA-only gig, we've come a long way! In 2014, we un-learned everything we knew about Key Man as the Conference adopted the brand new model. In 2015, we took this idea one step further, making it an even better event. Welcome to Key Man University or "KMU" for short! This take on the Conference is meant to be centered on "U" – the active DeMolay! You'll have the opportunity to get real, in-depth DeMolay training in your choice of a Major course study, such as Membership and Brotherhood, Leadership and Chapter Operations, Ritual and Performance, and more. What you want to learn and do is up to you!

Program Information

Key Man University is structured like a university in seven core departments. Participants select a "major" and several "minor" courses of study based on their own preferences and what they want to take from the program. The work culminates in development and presentation of a final project, demonstrating the knowledge and experience the participants gained

Ancora Imparo

The motto of Key Man University, Ancora Imparo means "I am still learning." The important lesson of KMU is that we are all still learning in some capacity, whether in our Chapters, on the job, at home, or otherwise. Ancora Imparo fits well with the purpose of DeMolay and with the spirit of the Key Man University. What have you learned today?

The following is from one of last year's recipients:

Dear Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee:

Thank you for giving me \$500 to help me with the costs of my DeMolay Leadership camps that I have been going to.

In 2014 I went to DLC in California and had a chance to meet lots of DeMolay from different areas. I brought home some new ideas to my Chapter.

In 2015 I got to attend the Key Man University Conference in Pennsylvania. At this conference I learned a lot about event planning and some new leadership skills.

I am now going to be the Junior Councillor of my DeMolay Chapter.

I would like to thank you for the \$500 which helped me with some of my expenses so I didn't have to spend as much of my allowance that I had been saving so I could go to these camps.

Yours in DeMolay Cameron White, Edmonton Chapter – Alberta

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Atkinson, 33°, Chairman Richard A.H. Brown, 33°, PSGC George Cooper, 33°, Ernie Loiselle, 18°, Executive Officer DeMolay Canada ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Bill Atkinson, 33° and Stephen Godfrey, 33° for the Report on Demolay Development to be accepted.

SGC: Thank you, Bill. You have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions of Bill? Hearing none, I will call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, Bill, for chairing this Committee and we are happy that we can help out with the awards to the DeMolay members. I believe that Dad Ernie Loiselle will be one of our guests on Friday, from the DeMolay.

Now for the Report on Unfinished Business, Dave Bennett.

The Report on Unfinished Business was presented by III. Bro. Dave Bennett, 33°

Report of the Special Committee On UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Upon a review of the Report of the 141st Annual Sessions in Windsor, Ontario one item remains unresolved.

Due to the elimination of the entitlement formula contained in Article 12 the Jurisprudence and Legislation committee was asked if Articles 13 and 14 were now redundant. It was regularly moved and seconded for the J and L committee to report to Supreme Council on this issue at the St. John's sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Bennett 33°, Chairman Marvin L. Munro 33° Gordon S. Young 33°

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Dave Bennett, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for the acceptance of this Report on Unfinished Business.

SGC: Thank you, David. You heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions of David? Hearing none, all in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Now, within your Report of Unfinished Business, there was some unfinished business. I would call for a motion.

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, as chair of Jurisprudence and Legislation I would move, seconded by Robert Whitmore, that we defer the consideration of that unfinished business to be dealt with comprehensively with the package of proposed amendments that may be proposed at the 2017 Session in Montreal.

SGC: You have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions? Hearing none, I will call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Grand Secretary-General, do you have a motion for next year's Annual Session?

GSG: I do, Sovereign Grand Commander.

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° that next year's meeting be hosted by the Valley of Montreal at the Marriott Chateau Champlain, 1 Place Du Canada, Montréal, Quebec. The Vesper Service would take place on Thursday, September 14, 2017, Formal Opening to occur on the Thursday of September 14, 2017, with the Chain of Union scheduled for Saturday, September the 16, 2017.

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. You have heard the motion, properly moved and seconded. All in favour, signify in the usual Masonic manner. Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

And that brings up the next ad hoc committee that I have assembled under the chairmanship of Rob Whitmore, and he has got people on his committee, as well.

We have been listening and talking for many, many years about our Annual Sessions, about the cost, about the ability of Valleys to conduct them and sponsor them. The HIGs are talking about the cost and so, as a result, I put an ad hoc committee together to deliver a report in Montreal in 2017, with all the necessary amendments.

As you can appreciate, there has been a lot of thought that has to go into this committee, but the concept that they are working with, I have asked them to work with, is that in even years we would have a full Session at a location, and in the odd years we would have an Executive Session only, starting in 2019.

We are booked up. Right now we have Montreal next year, we have London in 2018, we have nothing for 2019 yet, so this committee will work, and they have already started and have something prepared for this Supreme Council in Montreal 2017.

Report from the Deputies Meeting. The Deputies met yesterday morning and I call on Gareth Taylor for that report.

III. Bro. Taylor: Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren, I was the one Deputy who didn't stand back when they asked somebody to chair the Deputies meeting yesterday morning. My name is Gareth Taylor.

However, I am pleased to report on the Deputies Meeting which took place Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The first 30 minutes were an in camera session and the 4 topics that were discussed were as follows:

- A Short Opening for the 14° can Valleys do it and is it available, a number of Valleys do
 it as common practice, the Ritual Committee could review and an official Short Opening
 could be considered.
- A standardization of the excerpts of degrees that could and should be presented at a Master Mason Night or Event.
- 3. How to handle invitations from Craft Lodges for Presentations about Scottish Rite in particular the request for a portion of a degree to be portrayed which is standard at these events.

4. Deputies to have a template letter to be sent to the Valleys prior to an Official Visit. The tone and the material being requested in the letter were discussed.

These topics were discussed for further consideration with the Sovereign Grand Commander, Lieutenant Grand Commander and the Grand Secretary-General after the in camera Session, when they were invited to join. Ill. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33° was asked to lead the Deputies in a collaborative working session to consider approaches to be taken on 3 issues that are of interest to Scottish Rite Valleys. Those issues were predetermined prior to the session and consisted of the following:

- 1. How do Valleys handle the number of demits and suspensions
- 2. Best practices to strengthen a Valleys' Programmes
- 3. What can be done to assist smaller Valleys.

I hope I have represented for the Deputies our discussions yesterday in camera and with the Sovereign Grand Commander,

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Gareth Taylor, 33° and Dave Bennett, 33° for the acceptance of the Report on the Deputies Meeting.

SGC: Thank you, Gareth. You have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions of Gareth? Hearing none, all in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Thank you, Gareth, for stepping forward and volunteering to chair this. That was a very productive session and Evan Woodhead did an outstanding job with us, putting us through the ropes.

That brings up the fifth ad hoc committee that I put together under the leadership of Vic Lepp, Gordon Greasley, Stephen Godfrey and using Marvin Munro as a consultant.

In the past, when a new Deputy came on board you would give him a Manual and say, 'Good luck', and away they went. We needed to do something better. Number one, we revised the Manual, but we give the Manual to the new Deputy with a mentor and some orientation and a contact for that Deputy to contact as he takes on his first year.

So that Manual has been revised, it has been distributed to the Deputies and I hope it bodes well for their development.

I call for a motion to authorize the renewal of a contract.

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° to authorize the renewal of the contract for the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Secretary, Steven Warren, for the period from September 17, 2016 to September 16, 2017.

SGC: You have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions? Hearing none: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Yes, Steven Warren is doing an outstanding job for the office and, I think, serving the Valleys and the membership across Canada.

Grand Secretary-General, are there any announcements?

GSG: There are, Sovereign Grand Commander.

I just remind the brethren that luncheon for Active, Past Active Members and guests of Supreme Council will be held from 11:00am to 12:00pm at HarbourView F and G. That's where we were last night.

The Sovereign Grand Commanders' ladies' luncheon will be held in Victoria One, in the Convention Centre, this building, hosted by Bonnie McLean and Judy Whitmore, from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

The Vesper Service is scheduled to take place from 1:00pm to 2:15pm. The dress for Honorary Inspectors-General is tuxedo, no jewels; Actives and Past Actives, morning suits, no jewels, with the exception of the Sovereign Grand Commander. All members and ladies should wear their name tags to the Vesper Service.

George Street United Church is visible from just about any window in the Delta. Hopefully no one will get lost crossing the street. I would suggest it might be easier to take the stairs down from the lobby instead of going through the sliding doors and going around the building. Essentially that exit is directly across the street from the church and the local host committee has arranged for the Constabulary to stop traffic to allow us to basically cross on masse.

So I would suggest eat with alacrity, as if it was supper on Maundy Thursday, and get down there no later than twenty to one.

There is a side door along what I believe is the north side of the building if my directions are correct. We would be asking that the Actives, Past Actives and guests enter through that side door to marshal before they would proceed in to the Sanctuary.

Bob Brethour will be making an announcement in terms of how we get in to the Sanctuary. We are essentially going to enter the front of the church, as opposed to the back. It's easier in that respect and it's important for people with mobility issues to realize that while we proceed out the back of the church, those with mobility issues should just stand back and, when the way is clear, come back out through the same side door you entered to assemble. It's much easier to avoid the steps and do it in that respect.

It's across New Gower Street. If you want to tell your ladies, they can cross the street to go back to the hotel afterwards.

Everybody participating in the Degree would be well advised to simply don't cross the street to the hotel, just turn and continue on down to the Convention Centre and try and be here on time.

We will try and make an announcement on behalf of our guests in terms of assembling with us at the luncheon. We need to make sure our guests realize that they are assembling with us through that side door before we march in. We had a bit of a problem with that last year.

The Formal Opening for the 33rd Degree commences at 3:00pm. We need to wear our name tags.

That's at Bowring One, but for everybody that needs to get into Bowring One to see the Degree, we're actually asking you to enter through the doors that are labelled Bowring Three and Four.

There is a reason for that, trust me.

Actives participating in the Degree will please attend the coat room between the escalators - that's at the main entrance of the Convention Centre – to get your microphone and mic check and, as Steven has indicated, get everything else on before you get the mic on.

Please do that as soon as possible from the Vesper Service while Illustrious Brother Davis is taking a picture of the class.

Now again, Bob Brethour will marshal us in the hallway, much as he did last evening, and as Steve said earlier, you're just reminded you can leave your regalia there, in Bowring One, if you've got it with you to do that.

The banquet this evening is the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Banquet. The reminder for this for Honorary Inspectors-General, tuxedo is the dress; Sovereign Grands, white tie and tails.

The table numbers are on your name tags and you should see a diagram of simply the tables and the numbers outside the main entrance doors to the Avalon Ballroom.

The reception takes place in that corridor, just past where you've been registering the last couple of days. That reception lasts from 6:00 to 7:00pm. The bar closes promptly at 6:45pm and we ask that you move in with alacrity at that time, to be seated so that all is in place for the piper to bring in the special guests.

I believe that is it for announcements. Our special guests and some other people will be accommodated in a reception in Harbourview G at 6:00pm, as well.

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. We all look forward to the Foundation Banquet this evening.

Well, brethren, this concludes the Executive Session for this morning. I thank the Honorary Inspectors-General for their attendance and I will adjourn the Executive Meeting. We will reconvene at nine o'clock – not eight-thirty, nine o'clock on Friday morning, and that will be in the Bowring One in the Convention Centre.

We look forward to the Vesper Service this afternoon and, of course, the conferral and the banquet this evening.

Thank you very much.

Thursday, September 15, 2016 ~ 1:00pm Vesper Service ~ Sermon

The Reverend Canon Michael D.H. Farr, B.A., LTh. Grand Prior

GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH - ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

1 Samuel 17: 38-51

Psalm 133 Mark 4: 35-41

We have just heard, read in 1 Samuel how David, the shepherd boy, killed the Philistine champion, the giant Goliath. The Philistine army was drawn up against the army of Israel on opposing mountains. Everyday Goliath would come to the valley between the mountains and challenge the Israelites to send out their champion to fight - winner take all! Now, Goliath was a giant of a man. He stood six feet nine inches tall (which would have been at least one and one half feet taller than most). He wore a bronze helmet, a coat of mail, and bronze leg coverings. He was armed with a sword and a Javelin or spear, to match his size. Very imposing indeed. King Saul and his army were afraid. As it happens David's father, Jesse, called David in from tending the sheep and sent him to visit his brothers in the army of Israel, with some "home cooking" for them, and to find out how they were. When David got to the front lines, he could not believe Goliath was defying the Army of the Living God. David goes to King Saul and volunteers to be Israel's champion to fight Goliath. David said to King Saul, after Saul stopped laughing, that he had a lot of experience defending the sheep from lions and wolves and this giant didn't seem any fiercer. King Saul put his own armor on David, but it was too heavy and David could not move in it. David took his staff, his sling and five smooth stones (more aerodynamic) and went to challenge Goliath, who cursed David for coming out against him with only a staff and a sling. David said that he would kill Goliath, so that the whole world would know that the Living God of Israel would prevail against the Philistines and that the whole world would know that the Lord does not save by the sword and the spear, for it is the Lord's battle and not Israel's or David's. David slung a stone and hit Goliath between the eyes and Goliath fell to the ground. David took Goliath's sword and cut off Goliath's head. When the Philistine Army saw what had happened they fled, giving the victory to Israel.

What are the 'giants' today that we may have to battle? May I suggest fear is one: - fear of dying; fear of living too long and becoming a burden to your family or to yourself; fear of illness as we get older; fear of not meeting the expectations of others (which are mostly unrealistic). You may have an addiction which should be addressed. You may be dealing with grief. All too often we make more of these 'giants' than they deserve. We see them like Goliath, clad in all their armor and they appear unstoppable. Very often we start to deal with these 'giants' but do not carry through to the end as David did, and they return to haunt us again.

I would like you to remember who David was. He had been anointed to be King of Israel by the prophet Samuel, and he did become one the most famous Kings. He is the writer of many of the Psalms, which we use in public worship still today. David taught us to be ourselves, to travel light, and to finish the job of dealing with the 'giants'. In doing these things, David created a paradigm shift. He had been expected to fight Goliath wearing a suit of armor, to stand up to Goliath and slug it out until one of them was killed. By shifting the paradigm David ceases to be the underdog, because a sling is a long-distance weapon (at least one hundred yards) rather than standing toe to toe with Goliath. The other advantage that David had was that the Living God of Israel was with him. This was God's battle, not David's. God cares for his People of Faith and for his Nations of Faith. The One True God is the God of all creation and therefore of all, of all creation.

Do not underestimate the 'giant' with which you must deal. We are People of Faith. Meet your 'giant' head on as David did. Do not leave the job until it is finished. Amen!

Formal Opening ~ Conferral of the 33°

The Formal Opening and the Conferral of the Degree of Honorary Inspectors-General was held at the Bowering 1 Room in the St. John's Convention Centre on Thursday, September 15 at 3:00pm in accordance with Art. 17(b) of the Statues of Supreme Council.

The Candidates and Guests had been admitted before the Opening. Candidates were seated in the Southeast while their presenters were seated in the Northeast. Guests with their 33° who were admitted prior to the Opening were seated in the East.

The 33° was conferred upon 35 candidates

Ivan Merl Harris

McAllister Horne

David Charles Hochman

Michael Taylor Adam Eric Norman Johnson Donald Kenneth Laliberte Frederick John Allan Dennis Raymond Blake Paavo Eric Liukko Randy William Blaker John Lando MacPherson Jonathan Hugh Broadberry Donald Ross McGuire Steven Stewart Caldwell Douglas Paul Hugh Miller Robert Bruce Campbell Darrell Alexander Munn Raymond Charles **Gregory Edward Olley** Milan Cobanov Fayez Oustwani John Alexander Cumming David Harold Pedler **David Douglas Dawe** Frank Richardson Michael Glen Dennis Libarid Stamboulian Grant William Dixon Ronald Gary Stewart David Oran Fraser David Scott Storrie Ronald John Garfield Taylor Bernard Gross

The representative candidate was III. Bro. D. Paul Hugh Miller, Valley of St. John's.

John Franklin Thompson

Robert Glen Webster

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Banquet

Thursday Evening, September 15, 2016

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation's Banquet was held at the Delta St. John's, in the Avalon Ballroom at 7:00pm with III. Bro. Gareth R. Taylor, 33°, President – Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation presiding.

Mr. David Shears piped the Special Tables, Guests and Directors into the Ballroom.

Following the toast to the piper by Grand Prior, Michael D.H. Farr, 33° the blessing was offered.

The President then toasted the Queen and the Craft after the singing of the Royal Anthem and then proposed a toast to the Office of Head of State of Jurisdictions Represented.

The President then welcomed everyone to the SRCF Banquet.

Following the dinner, the evening unfolded with the following:

Special Awards

III. Bro. Gareth R. Taylor, 33°

Introduction of Guest Speaker

III. Bro. James G. Finch. 33°

Guest Speaker

Mr. Paul Davis, Leader of the Official Opposition

Thank You to Guest Speaker

III. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33°

Final Remarks

III. Bro. Gareth R. Taylor, 33°

Closing Prayer

III. Bro. Michael D. H. Farr. 33°

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Piper: Mr. David Shears

Pianist: Ill. Bro. James R. Cakebread, 33°

► FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 ◀

General Session 3

Friday, September 16, 2016 ~ 8:30am

Bowering 1, St. John's Conference Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

SGC: Good morning, brethren. We had a busy day, but from all the feedback I'm getting it was a very enjoyable day.

At this time I would call for a motion to approve all reports, Grand Secretary-General.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° for the approval of all reports published in the Preliminary Reports.

SGC: You've heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions? I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

We're going to see something a little special today. We're going to bring in the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Newfoundland and Labrador, and we're also going to bring in the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

What was given to me as information was, when the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador was formed in 1997, the Concordant 1905, modified to 1964, between the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Lodge of Scotland was invoked. The Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador became the Sovereign Body, provided the Rites of the Scottish Lodges were fully safeguarded.

So it's going to be kind of different for us. We usually just bring in a Grand Master of the Province.

Illustrious Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, perform your duties.

Grand Marshal: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Larry B. Grandy, 32°, Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador.

SGC: Most Worshipful Brother Grandy, welcome to the Supreme Council. I know we have travelled many times and we have enjoyed each other's company. It's very nice to see that with your busy schedule you could come out to pay a visit to some events with us. I hear your term is coming to an end soon, but you're busy travelling around doing Installations. Would you like to say a few words?

GM Grandy: Thank you very much. Illustrious Brother McLean, Sovereign Grand Commander, and special guests and Brethren, first of all I would like to thank you very much for the invitation for Beverley and I to be here with you and to join in this Convention.

I bring you the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador. Now, I want you to know that the Western District altered their Installations in order for me to be in attendance this week. As a matter of fact, on Wednesday Beverley and I drove all the way from Port au Basque, which is 895 kilometres, in order to be here for Wednesday at 4:30. We arrived at 4:30, so it was quite the ride across the Island.

When I was installed as the Grand Master in 2014, I chose three areas of concentration that in my opinion would be certainly beneficial to our Craft, and I want to take just a couple of minutes to talk about it.

First and foremost is education. Education is the centre of Masonry, and in 2009 I served as the co-chair at the All Canada Conference, and during that Conference I presented a paper based on the Minutes of the very first ever Conference, held in 1947. These Minutes were given to me by a Brother, Right Worshipful Brother William Scott, a very, very good friend of mine, and it was a fascinating exercise to take those Minutes and to examine all the issues that were brought forward at that first ever Conference.

Of course, the idea was to see how closely it was related to what we talk about today. But by far the most important of all, what spanned a total of 21 long typewritten pages, was the topic of Masonic education.

A Brother, Right Worshipful Brother George Wood, who was then the Grand Senior Warden of Prince Edward Island, introduced the subject with the following words. He said:

"Mason education is all embracing, never ending. There is no horizon that places a limit on our endeavours, and until we lay down our working tools of Light, more Light should be our goal. And as we ourselves search for and discover additional Light, so should we be ever ready to impart our knowledge to those who seek our guidance."

And this, my brethren, must be one of our aims. At every opportunity we must make it our business to spread more Light through Masonic education. After all, Masonic education is not only interesting and exciting in its own, it is also an important role in making Freemasonry more relevant to its members. It is also a tool to help convince society as a whole of our relevance in this day and age. In Masonry we are told to seek the Light and Light in Masonry, brethren, is knowledge, and from knowledge comes information and understanding.

The second thing that I zeroed in on was membership. This has been a concern for many years, not only just in Freemasonry, but many other organizations, as well.

Now, how do we attract new members, new Masons, particularly the younger generation? Can we improve membership by making it easier for the young men to join? Should we loosen the rules on proficiency as they progress through the Degrees? Should we lower the dues, be less rigorous in examination of new candidates?

Well, I feel that the answer to these suggestions was clearly stated by a young three-year Mason. His name is Timothy Bonney, and he spoke from his website, Freemasonry Resources, and I want to give you his quote:

"There is one basic problem with all that I have been told by long-experienced Masons about what younger men want: None of them seem to have ever asked any younger Mason if easier Freemasonry is what we really want, and in fact I have come to believe that easier Freemasonry is not what younger men want who join our Fraternity. This is not what they want."

He concludes with the following where he said:

"We want Freemasonry of our grandfathers and our fathers. We want to be challenged, stretched, educated and trained. We want the opportunity to take our rough ashlars and begin to smooth them. We want to be Freemasons in the fullest sense of the word."

And I sincerely believe that the first concentration of Masonic education will automatically and positively affect membership. The well-informed Mason will attract others.

And the third thing that I concentrated on was community involvement. Visibility within the community, of course, is most important, but just to be visible, however, should not be our main goal. Supporting activities and being involved for the betterment of our community is where our efforts should be directed. I know that many of our Lodges are active within the community, and it's wonderful to know that.

Now, three or four years ago – he's the Past Grand Master right now – Most Worshipful Brother Max Choirs, who used as his theme reaching out, and this, Brethren is good advice. I was sitting down having a coffee at Tim Hortons in Bolton, Ontario, where my daughter and family live, one morning and I looked up and there was a phrase that flashed across the television screen. I said to myself, 'this is a phrase that I can use'.

Here it is: Always remember that the best part of being in your community is to be involved. I'll repeat it one more time: Always remember that the best part of being in your community is to be involved in it.

Thank you, Illustrious Brother, for that opportunity to say these few words.

SGC: And would you join me?

GM Grandy: Thank you very much.

SGC: Illustrious Brother Grand Master of Ceremonies, perform your duty.

Grand Marshal: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present, the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Brother W. Scott Bartlett, District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, Grand Lodge of Scotland.

SGC: Right Worshipful Brother Scott, welcome to our Supreme Council. It's a pleasure to meet you and thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to be with us.

DGM Bartlett: Thank you for having me.

SGC: Would you like to say a few words?

DGM Bartlett: Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother Terry McLean, Illustrious Brethren and special guests, first of all let me extend to you fraternal greetings of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada. It is a pleasure to have so many visitors here in our Province, and I trust that these Sessions have been productive and successful for you.

I am currently the 18th District Grand Master, serving the first year of a five year term, which is unusual for the District Grand Lodge. In 2018, we will celebrate our 150th anniversary and I would like to extend a cordial invitation to all of you to those celebrations in two years time.

As Freemasons, I think each member and each body must undertake to raise the profile of Freemasonry within our community and throughout the general public. We must be seen as a force for good in society, and I believe that the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite has seasoned

Masons and experienced members of the Craft, and through its Charitable Foundation, help achieve those goals.

In closing, I thank you for the courtesies extended to myself and Karen as special guests. We have been treated specially and appreciate your hospitality. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you very much.

We have another current Grand Master among us, Most Worshipful Brother James Ross, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and also an Active Member of this Supreme Council. Would you like to sit in the East?

GM Ross: If you don't mind, I will sit here.

SGC: Very good. I must check, are there any other current Grand Masters? Thank you.

I would also like to acknowledge the Past Grand Masters and I would like all Past Grand Masters to please rise. I thank you for your service to your Craft and I thank you for your service to Scottish Rite. It's very much appreciated. Thank you for being here.

I would also like to bring greetings and welcome to those who were not in the Session on Thursday and the Minutes of the 2015 Session that we had in Windsor last year as published in the proceeding and distributed have been adopted in Executive Session and approved.

At this time I would ask the Grand Secretary-General, could you give us the roll call of the Active and Past Active Members in attendance.

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, the following are Active Members in attendance.

Roll Call of the Active Members in attendance was called. <u>See Page 33 or 153 for list of names</u>

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, the following Past Active Members are, hopefully, present and will say so when I call their names:

Roll Call of the Past Active Members in attendance was called. See Page 56 or 153 for list of names

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, that is the roll of Actives and Past Actives present at this Annual Session.

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. Could you read the Actives not in attendance and the Past Actives not in attendance.

The names of all Active and Past Active Members not in attendance were read. See Page 34 for list of names

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, those are the Actives and Past Actives not in attendance at this Annual Session.

SGC: Thank you. Grand Secretary General, do you have a motion at this time?

GSG: I do, Sovereign Grand Commander.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° that the Supreme Council offering taken in General Session be forwarded to the Almoner of the Valley of St. John's.

SGC: You have heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions? All in favour? Opposed, if any. CARRIED.

Grand Secretary-General, please read the list of regrets from members of Sister Councils in Amity.

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, we have received regrets from the following Sister Councils:

Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald Seale Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Sovereign Grand Commander John McNaughton Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Ill. Ronald G. Forrest England & Wales, Sovereign Grand Commander Alan J. Englefield Brazil, Sovereign Grand Commander Luiz F. R. Torres Mexico, Sovereign Grand Commander Manuel Jiménez Guzmán Australia, Past Sovereign Grand Commander Jack Ball

SGC: Grand Master of Ceremonies, you will now perform your duty.

GMC McComb: From the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Illustrious Brother William Brunk, 33°; Illustrious Brother Charles Sederstrom, 33°; Illustrious Brother Joe Manning, Jr., 33°, would you please join me on the level and to the Altar.

Grand Marshal: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present Illustrious William P. Brunk, 33°, Grand Minister of State and Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in North Carolina, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America; Illustrious Charles B. Sederstrom, 33°, Grand Treasurer General and Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Nebraska, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America; Illustrious Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°, Grand Prior and Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Oklahoma, Grand Representative of this Supreme Council near the United States, Southern Jurisdiction.

SGC: Illustrious Brother Bill, welcome to our Supreme Council. Illustrious Brother Charles and Illustrious Brother Joe, welcome. We have North Carolina, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Boy, well travelled. It is always good to have the delegation from the Southern Jurisdiction with us and we're delighted that you are here.

Bill, you're going to say a few words?

GM of State Brunk: Sure.

SGC: Wonderful.

GM of State Brunk: Grand Commander, Brethren, thank you so very, very, very much. We're just delighted to be with you. We thank you for your gracious and generous hospitality. It's a joy to bring you the greetings of our Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale and of our Supreme Council.

I love coming to Canada. The people here are just so enjoyable. They love life. It's just great to be here, and besides, I don't like hot weather. It's, like, 90 degrees back home. It was so nice to get here and it's kind of cool.

It's a long way. I have a friend that has been here before, he said, 'Oh, you're going to love it. It's just beautiful up there'. And he said, 'By the way, from North Carolina, by the time you get

there, you're halfway to England'. Whoa, it is a long way. You know, three legs: I flew to La Guardia Airport in New York and then to Toronto and then here, all day long.

Interestingly, while I was in the gate waiting for the flight from La Guardia to Toronto, a guy sitting there beside me, I think he was maybe in his forties, and we struck up a little conversation. Quickly it became apparent to me that he wasn't from Texas. He was wearing a Texas shirt, and he told me he lived there. I said, 'Where are you from? You weren't born in Texas, were you?' And he said, 'No, no, I was born in Finland'. His family ran a business, they had been doing that for a long time, and by the time he was a teenager things had changed in Finland. Taxes had gone way up, over 80 percent on the business. That's a lot of taxes. And other infringements on the way that they did business.

So he told me that while he was still a teenager, he left Finland and he came to North America, here to Canada first, and then he made his way down into the United States and he was involved in finance and that sort of thing. But he said, 'I left Finland because things had simply gotten out of balance and there was a little bit better balance here in North America.

And I thought, 'Isn't that curious that he chose that term, balance, because in the Scottish Rite we speak about balance. Balance in life, equilibrium is one of our secrets to a happy existence and a peaceful existence. We live in a world that's kind of out of balance. Right now in the United States – oh, well, do I need to talk about it? We have this election going on, that's been going on for a long time. I wonder if they could both lose.

One of them will win and my opinion is, whichever one does win, instead of our country being so divided as it has been for a long time, we need to come together, in balance, and support that one who will be our president and our leader, one of the leader of the Free World, and we will need to do that. Do you want to bet on whether that's going to happen? I hope that it will.

We need a little bit more influence from the Scottish Rite. We live in a world that's out of balance. There are millions of people that are willing and intent on killing others in the name of religion, just because they want everyone else to believe exactly the same way that they do.

But our Scottish Rite teaches otherwise, that we should be tolerant of others' beliefs, politically and from a religious viewpoint, that men should be able to govern themselves, worship as they see fit and entertain whatever opinions they believe to be right and true. There is something solid and basic about those beliefs.

So I might suggest to you that this evening, and every evening, after you have brushed your teeth and flossed — I'm an orthodontist, got to put a plug in for that — but as you put your head on your pillow and you have a conversation with the Great Architect of the Universe, in your nightly prayers you might want to say a word of thanks to Him that there is such a thing as Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite, and ask him to continue providing His blessing that our great work may continue and help to make the world truly a better place.

Grand Commander, thank you very, very much. It's a joy to be with you. Thank you, Brethren. I will look forward to being back, I hope, sometime in the future. Thank you very much.

SGC: Thank you.

GMC: Illustrious Brother Gail Kemp, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, would you please join me on the level and to the Altar.

Grand Marshal: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present Illustrious Gail N. Kemp, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander and Deputy for Indiana, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America.

SGC: Illustrious Brother Gail, welcome to our Supreme Council. It's a real pleasure having you with us today.

GLC Kemp: Thank you, my Brother. It's a pleasure being here.

SGC: And it's a Grand Loo-tenant Commander, as opposed to our Left- tenant Grand Commander. I don't know what the difference is, but I'll accept both of them.

GLC Kemp: In the English language there are many things I don't understand, either.

SGC: Will you please say a few words.

GLC Kemp: Sovereign Grand Commander and distinguished guests, and my Illustrious Brethren all, first of all, I do bring you fraternal greetings from John William McNaughton, our Sovereign Grand Commander. He really would like to be with you, but he's been on the job now almost twelve years and he had other commitments this weekend and to be totally and brutally honest, he's just getting a little bit tired.

Many of you will know, however, that we have picked a designated successor, if I can use that word, in Illustrious Brother David Glattly from New Jersey. Many of you know him, probably through the DeMolay Association. He has been very active with that.

So in August of next year we will have a little transfer of our Sovereign Grand Commander into a new Sovereign Grand Commander, so we look forward to a continuation of our current policies.

I am not sure how to go about what I want to say to you. We come from slightly different concepts of what we should be doing. About 1960, a Past Grand Master from Indiana, Dwight L. Smith, wrote a book, Wither Are We Travelling, and he foresaw at that time, fifty-some years ago, that we might have some difficulty with membership and the attendance at the Lodges was going down and what are you going to do about it. But his answer was remarkably simple: Do Freemasonry. Just do Freemasonry. He didn't say just talk about it or study it, he said, 'Do it. Do Freemasonry'.

And Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has really, really started out on an endeavour to do Freemasonry in our fifteen States, and that is through the use of our Almoners Fund, and perhaps you've heard of what we've done or have an idea.

But the difference is this: It's one thing to know our Ritual, but it's another thing to know our Ritual. An example – and as I look around the room I do see a few of you who will probably relate to this story better than others – but about 70 years ago, I'm indicating my age a little bit, I was about four, five, six years old, somewhere in that area, our kitchen range in our home was a kerosene stove, and we had a little can of kerosene that my mom used to pump up and then she would light the match and we would have a fire and she would cook whatever it was she was cooking.

I expect there's still a few of those kerosene stoves around, perhaps in a fishing cabin or a hunting cabin somewhere, but I don't think you're going to find them very often. She had enough of that, so one day she went to the appliance store and she bought this really nice, big,

white Frigidaire electric range, the very first one we had. So an electrician came and he put in the socket so we could hook up the stove, and I remember well our first meal – or our first preparation for a meal would be more accurate. As I sat at the table, and I was very, very small, she turned it on.

Now, it had coils on the top, it wasn't one of the fancy stoves, just four electric coils. She turned it on and she looked at it a few moments and I'm positive that the person at the store had told her what would happen and how to work this, so my mother, she knew the stove was going to get hot.

I don't know what she was planning on cooking, let's say it was breakfast and let's just assume it was oatmeal, and she looked over at the stove and the coils were red. She said, 'I wonder if it's hot'. So she walked over to the stove and with her left hand – this is a true story – she slapped the coil. She jumped back in pain because it was red hot and she had burnt the impression of the coil on her hand.

Now, 70 years ago, my Brethren, what did you put on a burn? Butter. Margarine hadn't even been invented, I don't think. So we smeared butter on that, or someone did, and she come over to me, and I'm sitting at the table – remember, I'm five, six years old – she said, 'Look, Gale, what I did', and she showed me her hand. And it was very pretty. It had that nice little circle, almost like you'd brand a cow, and I laughed at her. Her right hand was not hurt, and my backside equalled her left hand in handprints, but I didn't get any butter.

What's the point to the story? My mama knew the stove was hot. After she touched it, she **knew** the stove was hot. I knew, she had told me, she didn't like to be made fun of. I knew she didn't like to be laughed at. What's the point to that?

Brethren, I hope you do have this experience, but in my position as Deputy for the State of Indiana, when someone in our Fraternity, whether he's a Scottish Rite Mason or not, perhaps it's the widow of a Freemason, when they call one of our members and say, 'Hey, I need help, I need help', the call comes to me. I do some very minimal asking of questions, I send it to our Grand Commander and within hours a cheque is on the way to that person, except I always dictate, 'No, it doesn't go to that person, it goes to you, my Brother'. And I want you to go to that Lodge Master and say, 'Master of the Lodge, I want you to go with me to deliver this cheque'.

I want you – I want you to understand here what that obligation that we all took in some form or another said, which was simply this: I furthermore promise and swear that I will help, aid and assist all poor, distressed Brother Master Masons, their widows and orphans. Is there a dollar amount on that? No. It is go do it, it is do Freemasonry.

What I've got to tell you honestly is, this is having enormous success within our group. The word is spreading throughout all of our fifteen States what Freemasonry is, what Scottish Rite has done for that. I'm very proud of that. It makes you enormously proud when you walk into that home and help somebody, and I'm talking serious help where people are going to lose their home. They have no food on the table. All of those kind of things that you can imagine, it happens through Freemasonry, through the Scottish Rite Almoners Funds.

With that, I close on what I would have to say, but I appreciate so very much all the hospitality. It's been my good fortune to be here for two years. Next year I will hit that emeritus stage in August and I won't see you again, but I wish you so very well in Canada and it's a great way that you do things and your hospitality just absolutely overwhelms me every year.

Thank you, Brethren.

SGC: Thank you.

GMC: Most Worshipful Companion Larry Grandy, Most Illustrious Knight Companion Thomas Mortlock, Most Eminent Knight Gerald Riley, Right Worshipful Brother Gerald Budden, and Illustrious Sir Elmer Ryzuk, and Dad, Ernest Loiselle, would you please join me on the level and to the Altar.

Grand Marshal: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present:

Most Excellent the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Larry D. Grandy, 32°, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Newfoundland and Labrador;

Most Illustrious Knight Companion Thomas A. Mortlock, 33°, Grand Sovereign of the Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada and a member of this Supreme Council;

Most Eminent Knight Gerald A. Riley, 32°, Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Knights Templar;

Right Worshipful Brother Gerald W. Budden, 33°, Provincial Grand Master for Newfoundland and Labrador, Royal Order of Scotland and a member of this Supreme Council;

Illustrious Sir Elmer A. Ryzuk, Potentate, Mazol Shriners of Newfoundland and Labrador;

Dad Ernest Loiselle, 14°, President of DeMolay Canada and Executive Officer for DeMolay Ontario.

SGC: Welcome, my Grand Sovereign, welcome. Right Worshipful Gerald, glad you could be here. Most Worshipful Brother Grandy, you've done some double duty here. Illustrious Sir Elmer, I appreciate your coming. Dad Ernie, good to have you here. And Gerald, good to have you here. I attended your assembly last month and I had a very enjoyable time.

This kind of looks like the family of Freemasonry when you take a look at it.

Dad Ernie, I would like to, at this time, give you three cheques for whoever you would like to assign them to of the DeMolay, and that's our contribution towards our leadership development. We appreciate it.

Are you going to say a few words, Tom?

GS Mortlock: Apparently so.

SGC: Come on up, then. And the rest can follow.

GS Mortlock: Good morning, Sovereign Princes, Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother Terry McLean, 33°, Worshipful Master, Worshipful Master, distinguished visitors, Illustrious members of Supreme Council, what a delight it is for me to be among you not only as a member, but as a guest of this Supreme Council and to be able to bring you warm fraternal greetings and best wishes from the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, a Masonic body not unlike this Supreme Council in that our members are also invited from those who have proven themselves to be leaders in the Craft, leaders comprised of York Rite Masons.

It is also my great privilege to bring you warm fraternal greetings and best wishes from Most Excellent Companion Larry B. Grandy, Grand High Priest – double duty – of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Newfoundland and Labrador, Illustrious Sir Elmer A. Ryzuk, Potentate of Mazol Shriners; 'Dad' Ernest Loiselle, President of the DeMolay of Canada; Most Eminent Knight Gerald A. Riley, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and Right Worshipful Brother Gerald W. Budden, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, a very distinguished group of Masons, to say the least.

My wife and I have come to this Session after spending a week on the road in this beautiful Province. We have witnessed many beautiful landscapes and vistas - and now I had written before I came - plenty of wildlife. Now, I dare say all the moose are hiding. My wife did say she saw one. I didn't get a picture, my son is a photographer, he said: 'No picture, no moose'. So I guess we didn't see a darn thing.

In fact, there was actually a man in Springdale who woke up one morning to find a bear on his roof. Not knowing what to do, he looked in the Yellow Pages and sure enough there was an ad in there called Springdale Bear Remover. He called the number and the man said he'd be over in about 30 minutes.

The bear remover arrives, he gets out of his van, grabs the ladder, baseball bat, 12-gauge shotgun and out of the van also comes a heavily scarred old Pit Bull. The man asks "What are you going to do". The bear remover said, 'Well, I'm going to put the ladder up on the roof and I'm going to go over there and I'm going to knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off the roof that Pit Bull is trained to go grab that bear and not let go. Then the bear will be subdued enough for me to drag him over into the cage in the back of the van and all will be good.

Then he hands the homeowner a shotgun. 'What's the shotgun for?' 'If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the darn dog'. You don't have to be too bright to figure that one out.

My Brethren, as we pursue our sojourn in Masonry and practice our Craft, we do so when all man's institutions are being tested and questioned. The youth of today and society in general are asking that Freemasonry, along with its religious and educational systems, justify its right to exist.

Gareb, Chief of the Workers of Silver and Gold, repeated the words of the Master Hiram who said:

"We cannot all build temples to our God. We cannot all great leaders of men be. But each can be a worker in his own world and spread abroad the great and God-like love and weld his separate children into one, replacing hate and strife with brotherhood."

My brethren, we must continue to work together, the Craft Lodges, the York Rite, the Scottish Rite and all Concordant Bodies, to teach the beautiful lessons of Freemasonry, to portray the Degree so capably that these ideals will be impressed so vividly on the minds of our members and by doing so, we will continue to take good men and make them better.

How well we do this will be a measure of our success and the contribution we make to Freemasonry, our country and humanity. Mark Twain once said, "There is no substitution for brains, but man may retain a reputation for quite a long time so long as he keeps his mouth shut."

And on that note, Sovereign Grand Commander, may I, on behalf of our special guests here assembled, extend to you and to this Supreme Council our sincere appreciation for the many courtesies and hospitalities extended to each of us and our wives in your presence. May your Session here in St. John's be successful and may your term of office be a most rewarding and profitable experience.

GMC: Sovereign Grand Commander, I have heard it on the sidelines that I'm falling apart and with all the decorum I can muster I will try and put myself back together.

SGC: Thank you.

GMC: Illustrious Brother Owen Devereaux, 33°; Illustrious Brother Warren Dinham, 32°; Illustrious Brother Clayton Handrigan, 33°, would you please join me on the level and to the Altar.

Grand Marshal: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Brethren present:

Illustrious Brother Owen T. Devereaux, 33°, Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Centennial Lodge of Perfection, Valley of St. John's;

Illustrious Brother Warren Dinham, 32°, Most Wise Sovereign, MacGillivary Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of St. John's;

Illustrious Brother Clayton T. Handrigan, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, Newfoundland and Labrador Consistory, Valley of St. John's.

SGC: Illustrious Brother Warren, Most Wise Sovereign, welcome. You look familiar. Illustrious Brother Owen, Thrice Puissant Grand Master, welcome to Supreme Council. And you, sir, Illustrious Brother Clayton, Commander-in-Chief, welcome. This is the leadership engine of the Valley of St. John's. I'm glad you could be with us today. I believe, Warren, you're going to say a few words. Thank you.

III. Bro. Dinham, 32°: Sovereign Grand Commander, Brother Terry McLean, members of the Supreme Council, Illustrious Brethren and special guests, on behalf of the Valley of St. John's it is indeed my honour and pleasure to bring the fraternal greetings from the Valley of St. John's, and certainly on behalf of Owen Devereaux, who is the Thrice Puissant Grand Master of Centennial Lodge of Perfection, Brother Clayton Handrigan, Commander-in-Chief of Newfoundland and Labrador Consistory, and the Brethren, certainly, in MacGillivary Chapter of Rose Croix.

This year certainly is a special year in this Province. There have been a lot of things happening in 2016, particularly with the July 1 ceremonies honouring our war dead of July 1, in the Battle of the Somme.

Certainly for the Valley hosting this Session has been an extreme pleasure and we are deeply honoured to do so. It is certainly our sincere wish and pleasure that each one of you have had an opportunity to enjoy some of the Newfoundland culture and certainly taste some of our cuisine. I'm sure it's quite unique, probably for some of those out west, I'm sure. It is indeed a distinct pleasure. These Sessions bring together all the Brethren from across the country and it is, indeed, an opportunity for those to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends, which I'm sure will last for a lifetime.

Certainly it is our sincere wish, and there's something that has been said in a lot of communities in Newfoundland and Labrador, that when these Sessions do close and we all part and go our separate ways, don't be strangers. Come back soon. With that closing remark, Sovereign Grand Commander, I wish you all the best in terms of the remainder of the Sessions and certainly thank you very much, Brethren.

GMC: Sovereign Grand Commander, our Dignitaries await without.

SGC: Please bring them in.

Grand Marshal: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and through you to the Brethren present, Mr. Bernard Davis, Member of the House of Assembly, Virginia Waters, Pleasantville. I believe Mr. Ellsworth is outside, still.

SGC: Mr. Davis, welcome to the Supreme Council. We really are enjoying this Province, I'll tell you. Just wonderful good news. And I hear, reading your bio, you get involved with community improvement.

Mr. Davis: Yes, sir.

SGC: And we try to do the same. And who do you have with you?

Mr. Davis: This is my Constituency Assistant Tari Ajadi.

SGC: Tari, pleased to meet you. Welcome. Would you like to say a few words?

Mr. Davis: Please.

SGC: Thank you.

Mr. Davis: Good morning. Thank you very much for the privilege of being here today. I've got to say, I've never been in a room with such an auspicious crowd as I have here today. It's a privilege for me to be here and bring greetings on behalf of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and Premier Dwight Ball, who wishes he could be here.

I'm not a Mason, as you can see. I am not fully versed in the intricacies and the ceremonies of your organization, but I am a person that believes in the value of service. I believe that if you can give back and serve others, you should pursue that service with all the conviction and energy you can muster.

I know that service is a mandate of the Masons, which means we are philosophically aligned. It is very appropriate that you should choose the Masonry as an emblem of your organization, because that's what service is, the construction of a better society one act at a time, and it's to mortar together by the creed of helping others and the creed that's shared by every person in this room. For your unwavering commitment to service, you have my respect and gratitude.

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations on behalf of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to those individuals being honoured during these Sessions, and a warm welcome to those of you joining us from outside the Province. I hope you have the chance to visit our beautiful city and see some of the activities that we have to offer in our city. Thank you very much for all that you do.

SGC: Thank you. And I guess you do have to return because of your busy schedule?

Mr. Davis: Yes, I'm sorry. Thank you very, very much.

SGC: Thanks for being with us, and thank you for coming.

Grand Marshal: Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and the brethren present Mr. Ron Ellsworth, Deputy Mayor, City of St. John's.

SGC: Mr. Ron Ellsworth, welcome into our Supreme Council. We are really enjoying this city, I'll tell you. There's a lot to see. And I really appreciate you taking time out from your busy schedule to come with us. I have been looking over your bio. Do you still have that pet called Milo?

Mr. Ellsworth: Oh, yes.

SGC: Well, I have one called Haggis. Would you like to say a few words?

Mr. Ellsworth: Thank you very much for your kind invitation to be here today. One thing you need to know about Newfoundland and Labrador is, we always try to find a way to connect with people we meet. It's interesting my good friend here and I now are buddies because we have the same pets and you find ways to connect.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your service in your own community. Organizations such as yours do yeoman service for many, many that you don't know and will never know, many individuals in your community and all the communities and throughout the world that need your services and programs and assistance are helped by your efforts each and every day.

But to you guys in particular because of your work with literacy and the work that you do to assist in the community, as a young kid who struggled with education and even today openly admits that I have a functional literacy issue that I championed in our community and worked through, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the individuals in your communities and communities that you will assist get on their journeys and on their path as they move forward themselves.

On behalf of Mayor O'Keefe and council I certainly want to invite you to enjoy our beautiful city and region while you are here. Take some time for yourselves to relax and enjoy yourselves after you do your yeoman service to community and development.

The organizing committee, our local folks, we are very proud of them because three years of hard work to make this conference available to each and every one of you to be here. We're very proud of that because it brings a lot of people into our community that ordinarily may not get here, to come and see and visit and share and go back and speak about our community, our people.

At the same time, it gives you an opportunity to speak to our folks about you and your community and share knowledge and a wealth of information about where we're all from and things we do together to make our community a better place.

So on behalf of our council, please enjoy your stay. Please, once again, take our appreciation for all you do in your community and communities throughout the country and, certainly, the world. Enjoy your Conference and good luck to all in your travels. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Ron, for your kind words and thank you for dropping in to say hello. We appreciate it. I understand you may have to get back for your busy schedule.

Mr. Ellsworth: Thank you for your service.

SGC: Thank you for coming. I will now ask the Grand Secretary-General to call the roll of Grand Representatives, and as he calls your name would you please rise, say present, and remain in place.

Roll Call of the Grand Representatives was called and regrets given for those absent.

(See page 322 for Grand Representatives List)

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary General. I would like to thank all the Grand Representatives for their service to Supreme Council and representing Supreme Council to your assigned countries. It's very much appreciated.

You may be seated. Illustrious Brother Steve Warren, meet me on the level.

Illustrious Brother Steven, you're the Grand Rep to the Supreme Council of Chile, and this is your certificate that they sent up. I can't read it, it's in Spanish, but maybe you can take a trip down there and you can get it deciphered.

III. Bro. Warren: That's a good idea.

SGC: Congratulations.

III. Bro. Warren: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Now I'd like to call on Illustrious Brother Vic Lepp to say a few words on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

III. Bro. Lepp: Sovereign Grand Commander, Terry McLean, Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, distinguished guests and members of Supreme Council, on behalf of all Supreme Councils near our Supreme Council that it is our honour to represent, we bring you greetings.

As we heard each of our Grand Representatives introduced, we are again struck by the fact that the Scottish Rite Freemasonry and its influence does indeed cover the face of this great earth. We are privileged to be part of it and we do have a special role to play.

As Grand Representatives it is our role to build relationships and communications between our respective Bodies. It is during the performing of this duty that we come to realize that no matter the difference of our geography, our common bonds unite us. Those bonds are the teachings of our tenets and principles, that is wherein lies the true universality of our Craft.

We thank you for the confidence you, the Supreme Council, have entrusted to us. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Illustrious Brother Lepp.

Brethren, from our National Membership Survey that we conducted in July, it was around 2015, the most common theme that came back to us is that the members want to hear, one; the outlook or direction of Supreme Council specifically they want to understand how Supreme Council is there to help the Valleys, and they want to know why we have the processes we do

and two; they want to hear more about Scottish Rite education, history, symbolism and governance.

Well, we have a special presentation for you this morning on the number two item, Scottish Rite education, history, symbolism and governance. I struck a committee last year called the Education and Enlightenment Committee, and the formation of this special committee was in direct response to the feedback and the responses of the national survey which was undertaken, which clearly identifies increased education as a priority for our membership.

At this time I would like to call on Illustrious Brother Robert Brethour, who is the Chairman of this Committee, and he can explain what they are and what they are going to do.

Report of the Special Committee on **EDUCATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

At the 2015 Annual Session of Supreme Council held in Windsor, Ontario, the Sovereign Grand Commander announced the formation of a new Supreme Council Special Committee – Education and Enlightenment. This committee has been created to complement the existing Supreme Council Initiatives of Communication, Leadership, and Membership. Increased education was clearly identified as a priority for many of our members in the National Survey conducted in 2015.

This special committee has been tasked with providing increased education to Scottish Rite members across Canada. The mission statement for the Education and Enlightenment Special Committee of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada is "To provide a comprehensive and cohesive collection of Masonic educational tools to be published on our website and to be utilized in AASR Valley meetings and instructional workshops throughout Canada. The standardization of the valuable lessons, history and principles of our Rite will strengthen our communication and increase its availability to all members of our jurisdiction."

The team, with committee members from Victoria to St. John's, has identified several short-term goals as well as ideas for longer term projects. The new Education Section on the Supreme Council website (**scottishritecanada.ca**) is now in place with articles, papers and educational information organized in the categories of Governance, History, and Symbolism. In addition, a resource list of books and various links has been included on the website for those interested in additional research. Additional articles and papers will be added on a continuing basis and we would invite contributions from our membership in general.

The committee's other short term goal is to deliver to each Valley in Canada brief introductions and summaries of each degree. These pre and post degree explanations will provide additional historical information about the degrees and their symbolism. Valleys will be encouraged to utilize this material as an educational tool at their assemblies.

The Education and Enlightenment Special Committee has also identified several longer term goals which we will work towards implementing in the coming years. These will be publicized as the programs are finalized and rolled out.

Through the initiatives of Communication, Leadership, Membership, and now Education and Enlightenment, Supreme Council is working hard to enhance the Scottish Rite experience for its members. The committee would invite and welcome input and feedback on the education we provide and certainly on specific topics our members would like information about. Our goal is to publish a broad range of material to appeal to those seeking further enlightenment.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert Brethour, 33°, Chairman (Barrie) David Bennett, 33° (North Bay) Timothy Edwards, 33° (Toronto) Stephen Godfrey, 33° (Victoria) Gordon Greasley, 33° (Winnipeg) Allard Loopstra, 33° (Hamilton) Paul Miller, 32° (St. John's) Jean Reed, 33° (Montreal) Scott Rowe, 32° (Barrie) Donald D. Thornton, 33° (Hamilton)

Education & Enlightenment

A Special Committee of The Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

PRESENTATION TO SUPREME COUNCIL OF CANADA
SEPTEMBER 2016
ST. JOHNS, NEWFOUNDLAND

MANDATE

- Committee appointed by SGC in September 2015 to provide education and enlightenment
- Assemble a broad range of educational material degree study, historical, protocol, esoteric, governance, symbolism etc.
- Committee Members:

Robert Brethour (Chairman) Allard Loopstra

David Bennett Paul Miller Timothy Edwards Jean Reed

Stephen Godfrey Scott Rowe

Gordon Greasley Donald D. Thornton

MISSION STATEMENT

"To provide a comprehensive and cohesive collection of Masonic educational tools to be published on our website and to be utilized in AASR Valley meetings & instructional workshops throughout Canada. The standardization of the valuable lessons, history and principles of our Rite will strengthen our communication and increase its availability to all members of our jurisdiction".

2015/2016 INITIATIVES

- Establish an "Education and Enlightenment" section on the Supreme Council Web Site.
- Develop and Publish Pre and Post Degree Explanations for all Scottish Rite Degrees.

WEBSITE

FOUR SECTIONS:

- 1. Governance
- 2. History
- 3. Symbolism
- 4. Resource List

DISCLAIMER ON WEBSITE

The views, comments, research materials, and opinions expressed and provided in the Education and Enlightenment section of the Scottish Rite of Canada website or as otherwise published are those of the authors and are provided only for the information and enjoyment of its members and readers. They do not necessarily reflect the official policies, views, or positions of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

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26° - Prince of Mercy

Introduction

The 26th degree, as the title of the Prince would indicate, is based on one of the noblest of virtues – Mercy. The opening apartment quickly explains the way mercy as practiced by man is an attempt to reflect the great examples of mercy shown by the Supreme Being, and then conveys the symbols, apron, collar, jewel and words of the degree. While this part of the ritual is shorter than many other degrees the portrayal goes into great detail using the Biblical parable of Joseph and the coat of many colours to demonstrate a fine example of true Mercy.

Much symbolism can be found in the jewel of the 26th degree, which is an equilateral triangle of gold in which the centre bears a flaming gold heart engraved with the initials I.H.S. On the outer triangle are the initials W, F and H. There are various ways to translate I.H.S. Its Christian interpretation could be taken as lesus Hominum Salvator or Jesus Man's Saviour but the letters can also refer to the Latin Imperium, Harmonia, Sapientia or Power, Harmony and Wisdom – the same meaning of the words on the outer triangle.

The apron bears the symbol of the degree jewel. The colour green of the outer triangle can be taken as a reference to the wisdom of the

great Deity, the colour red of the inner triangle refers to his unlimited power, and white because it is composed of all colours combined, shows harmony. The blue flap of the apron can refer to the original Blue Lodge of a Mason's beginnings, and should recall the three challenges faced by Hiram during his assassination, Ignorance, Tyranny and Intolerance form the some of the most important vices to overcome with the practice of Mercy.

Summary

The story of Joseph is one of a tragic series of events brought on by the all too common vices of ignorance, jealousy, and perceived injustice. If Joseph's brothers had understood that toleration could have led to harmony and prosperity for everyone, the injustices performed against him would have been unnecessary. The ultimate Mercy shown by Joseph against his transgressors showed the wisdom of the action itself, for harmony and peace were the result and the benefit to all.

Thus through mercy we are taught the lessons of forgiveness and toleration. These acts are closely related for people primarily offend against others through intolerance. A Mason can deduce from the lessons of Scottish Rite that most of the trespasses against which he must forgive are the result of intolerance in one form or another. If that Mason learns that he has an obligation therefore not to offend others in the same way he has taken an important step on the path towards being a better individual.

CURRENT VALLEY INITIATIVES

- Fireside Chats
- Research Societies
- Degree Discussion Groups
- Brown Bag Lunch Discussion Groups

POTENTIAL LONG TERM INITIATIVES

- Video Presentations
- Canadian version of the Master Craftsman Program
- Regular submissions to the Clarion & Communique
- Publication of short informative papers
- · Expanded use of social media
- French section for website
- French Translation of the pre and post degree explanations

POTENTIAL LONG TERM INITIATIVES CONTINUED

- Biographies of early SR Leaders in Canada
- Determine individual Valley Initiatives and share ideas
- Create a standardized template for degree discussions
- Poll membership regarding types of material of interest
- Increased papers/articles on Leadership
- Playbill covers to all Valleys

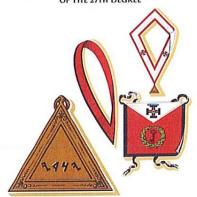
CONSISTORY

Consistories conferring the 19th to the 32nd degrees inclusive. These degrees, often elaborate and highly dramatic, cover a variety of approaches to Masonic teaching. Some have the Crusades as background. The 31st degree is the judicial branch of the Scottish Rite; the 32nd degree is the



military degree. The 30th, 31st and 32 degrees culminate the teachings of the Scottish Rite, and must be conferred in full ritual form.

THE JEWEL, CORDON, COLLAR AND APRON OF THE 27TH DEGREE



BARRIE CONSISTORY VALLEY OF BARRIE

TWENTY SEVENTH DEGREE

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE



TWENTY-SEVENTH DEGREE

By: Members of the Valley of Barrie - 8:00 p.m.

Directors:	Douglas Conw	ay 33°, Cam Goodman 33° &	Douglas Crawford 33*
Prologue		Michael Wood	33*
Commander	-in-Chief	Brian Shannon	33*
Marshall		Rod Knott	33*
Turcoplier		Don Mabley	32*
Hospitaler		Gord Hedges	33*
Draper		John McKillip	33*
Seneschal		Norm Malcolm	32'
Chancellor		Hugh Donnelly	32*
1" Lt. Comm	ander	Bob Whitmarsh	32*
2" Lt. Comm	nander	Paul Connor	33*
Captain of th	ne Guard	Jerry Sampson	32*
Chaplain		Bevan Carrique	32'
Master of Co	eremonies	Steve Martin	33'
Orator		James Greaves	32'
Herald		Michael Reed	32*
Sir Herman	von Saltza	Scott Rowe	32*
John de Brie	nne	John Lidstone	32*
King of Array	gon	Doug Giffen	32.
King of Polar	nd	John Imrie	33*
Ferdinand III		Christopher Hedges	33'
Ottocar I		John Clark	32'
Sir Alan Mar	cel	Kip Coggins	33*
Sir Hugh de	Stockton	Randy Warren	32'
Sir Richard B	langer	Clifford White	32'
Sir Guerin de	e Montague	Brad Vail	33*
Sir William C	atelli	Dale Hunter	33'
Pope Orona	ta Tertius	Cam Goodman	33*
Cardinals		Adam Hepburn 32*	John Galvin 32*
Thurifers		Garry Perkins 32*	Jeff West 32*
Acolytes		John McCluskey 32*	Steve Barendregt 32*
Gonfalier		Chris Wiwchar	32'
Cross Bearer	•	David Stevens	33'
Patriarch of	Jerusalem	Phil Laundry Jr.	32*
Bishop of Be	thlehem	Shannon Blackmore	32'
Bishop of Pa	ris	Jim Anderson	33*
Guard		Forbes Neale	32*
Guard		Hal Lippett	32*
Frederick II		Michael Coyle	33*
Dirge/Solois	t	Shane Mayes	32*

'Innuendo, lies and gossip are as old as civilization'

Being curious as well as enjoying entertaining tales, we like telling stories and love hearing juicy tidbits, even when they may be exaggerated. When those tantalizing details are false, and the 'fish tale' becomes directed towards another person or group, it becomes slander. Hate, fear and anger can be the catalysts for speaking lies that sow discord among brethren and diminish the worth of others.

In 27th Degree, tall stories were spread by word of mouth and it might take weeks or months or years to circulate. Today social media means disinformation can be spread around the globe to millions in seconds. Compounding the negative effects of that rapid dissemination today is societies swift rush to judge just as harshly, most of the time without facts. Compounding the negative effects of that rapid dissemination today is our quick response to judge just as harshly, most of the time without facts.

Situations once resolved with face to face discussion and a love for truth above all have been replaced in our modern society with a disconnected series of words actions and recriminations for not only falsehoods but even perceived slights. Similar bickering crept into the Councils of the Knights Commander of The Temple where the charges and recriminations weakened their most earnest

One of our first instructions in Masonry is to settle our differences amicably. We are reminded in the 27th Degree, that even in the greatest and most sacred work, we fail to accomplish our ends without harmony, and union of action, combined with those greatest of Masonic virtues, Charity and Brotherly love.

MEMBERSHIP INPUT

- We encourage all our members to submit educational/enlightenment items that may be of interest.
- All submissions should be forwarded to me at:

rdb@csolve.net

- They will then be distributed to a three man committee for review.
- If found appropriate, they will be included in our website.

SUMMARY REMARKS

Log on to:

www.scottishritecanada.ca

Click on the "Education and Enlightenment" icon

SGC: Illustrious Brother Brethour, I want to thank you and thank the members of your team for working on this very important committee. I think it's something the members will appreciate, and I really appreciate the work that you've put into this. I'm really excited about this committee. I have spoken to the Lieutenant Grand Commander and he indicated that he will continue this as we move along, so it's not a one-shot deal.

Illustrious Brother Brown, will you take the gavel?

Well, I wanted to give Illustrious Brother Brethour and his committee ample time to put on this presentation, and as a result he cut into my Allocution so you're going to get the Cole's Notes version. Of course, the Allocution will be available in its entirety.

ALLOCUTION to follow on page 130

I now call on Illustrious Brother Michael Farr for a memorial service.

Grand Prior: Brethren, we gather in the presence of God this day to remember those of this Supreme Council who have gone before us.

Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. We brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. The eternal God is they refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

III. Bro. Handrigan: Sings "The Lord is My Shepherd"

Grand Prior: A reading from the Book of the Wisdom of Solomon:

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die and their departure is taken for misery and their going from us to be at their destruction. But they are in peace. For though they may be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality. And having been a little chastened, they shall be greatly rewarded for God proved them and found them worthy for Himself. As gold in the furnace hath He tried them and received them as a burnt offering. And in the time of their visitation they shall shine and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble. They shall judge the nations and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign forever and ever. The word of the Lord.

We gather together this day in the presence of God to give thanks for and to celebrate the life of those 33 Degree Masons who have died in the past year. We have also come to say good bye to them and to give thanks to God that He has received them into His kingdom with all of His saints. All will know what they have, what their lives have meant to them, and we will all have memories of those good folks on that list for the rest of our lives.

I truly hope that when you see that list in the Allocution you will be reminded of the people those names represent. I did not know Past Sovereign Grand Commander Lawer until I was elected Grand Prior. I will remember him as a gentleman, I will remember him also as a gentle man.

Carl Fairthorne and I would gather at these Sessions and whenever we met in some Scottish Rite Assembly someplace we would compare notes on ancient mothers and try and help each other out with what was going on. I believe Carl's mother died at 101, and my mother died at

103, but it was always sort of comical and entertaining and educational to compare notes on how our mothers were doing.

An Honorary Inspector-General whose name appears there, from London, his name is Ron Brew, and he, too, was a gentle man. Ron was very active in the London Consistory Club endeavour of providing medical equipment to the community. He was there working all the time, as much as he could, and just a very nice Mason to know.

It's difficult to say good-bye to people that we love and will see no longer, because their death will leave an emptiness in our lives that only God and time are able to fill and heal. But our joy is that God does fill and heal that emptiness.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of mercies, giver of comfort, graciously we pray with those who mourn, that casting all their cares on You they may know the consolation of Your love. Amen.

Lord, teach us to count our days so that we may live wisely in our life, which is our true home in life and death. Help us to let go of the things that are keeping us from living truthfully and gracefully in Your mercy and love. Guide us to treasure our days and supply our hearts to Your wisdom. Amen.

Praying together the universal prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

After the Allocution

PSGC Brown: Well, brethren, I still have the gavel. Our Sovereign Grand Commander in his Allocution indicated that he had appointed and subsequently is going to reappoint two assistants, Illustrious Brother Alan Stoddart, to help the Sovereign Grand Commander, and Illustrious Brother David Hooper to be an assistant to our Deputy for Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, Illustrious Brother Finch.

We have been informed that such should be confirmed by motion by this Supreme Council, and I would now call for that motion.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Matthew Todd, 33° and Harold Crosby, 33° that these appointments be confirmed.

PSGC Brown: Thank you. Brethren, you have heard the motion and seconder. Are there any questions? All those in favour so indicate. Opposed, if any. CARRIED.

It is also, according to our Statutes, a requirement that the Allocution of our Sovereign Grand Commander be scrutinized in detail by the Jurisprudence Committee under the leadership of our Grand Secretary-General, and I would now call on a motion for that to take place.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by III. Bros. Rob Whitmore, 33° and Vic Lepp, 33° that the Allocution be referred to the Committee of Jurisprudence for review and a report back tomorrow.

PSGC Brown: Brethren, you have heard the motion. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

My duties are done. Sovereign Grand Commander, I return the gavel.

SGC: Thank you, Illustrious Brother Brown.

Grand Secretary-General, do you have any announcements with regards to the distribution of the Allocution?

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, the Allocution will be available at the close of this morning's Session on both doors of the west end of this room, and you can pick it up on your way out.

SGC: Brethren, all reports have been presented, received and approved in Executive Session and the copies of the Preliminary Reports have been distributed for all to read.

Grand Secretary-General, are there any announcements?

GSG: There are, Sovereign Grand commander.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation directors are asked to assemble for a five-minute meeting in the small room next to the escalators on this floor of the Convention Centre immediately following call-up this morning.

There will be a candidate orientation seminar from twelve noon until 2:00 p.m., a box lunch will be provided and the meeting takes place in Harbourview F and G. Those presenting need to be there as soon as possible. You should know your names.

There will be free time commencing for everyone else at twelve noon.

Tonight, the Sovereign Grand Commander's banquet will proceed from 7:00 p.m. to just prior to the conclusion of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation banquet last night.

We remind the dress for Honorary Inspectors-General is tuxedo; for Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, white tie and tails. Table numbers are on your name tags and there will be charts in the reception areas to guide you to your table.

The general reception will take place outside the Avalon Ballroom from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., the bar closes promptly at 6:45, and we ask that you respect that time and please move to your seats so that special guests can parade in.

Members of Supreme Council and guests who received invitations for a pre-banquet reception will gather in the Harbourview E Room at 6:00 p.m.

Candidates and their ladies, wives, companions will assemble between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Harbourview F and G. All candidates are requested to be there by 6:15, and please respect that time as there will be presentations involving the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Lieutenant Grand Commander.

Those Brethren with microphones are requested to turn them in at the sound board before leaving this room. The Brethren requiring a microphone tomorrow morning include the following – and I will read those names so we can get going as soon as possible. That would be our Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander; our Lieutenant Grand Commander; our Grand Prior; our present Grand Marshall, John Trousdale, Gareth Taylor, Deputy; Jeffrey Dickson and myself.

Please attend the sound board room first thing tomorrow morning to receive your microphone.

I have been asked to make one further announcement, Sovereign Grand Commander. I understand that surveys directed to the attention of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General and the Honorary Inspectors-General will be distributed after the Session at the direction of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Please realize that your voices have been heard and acted on in the past and Supreme Council needs your continuing input to further improve your Annual Session experience. Please consider the questions carefully and respond.

Those are the announcements, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. At this time I will suspend labour in General Session in accordance with the Ritual. Grand Prior, please attend to the altar and we will resume the Executive Session at 8:30 tomorrow morning. However, it's nine o'clock for the General Session.

Allocution of Sovereign Grand Commander 142nd Annual Session ~ St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Grand Master, District Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Peers and Brethren:

In accordance with the provisions of Article 22(s) of the Statutes and Regulations of the Supreme Council, I am presenting my first Allocution "enumerating all rulings made, permissions and dispensations granted, and important official acts done during the year and recommending the legislation I (he) may deem necessary or expedient for the continued welfare of the Rite."

May I first offer you a very warm and fraternal welcome to the 142nd Annual Session of our Supreme Council, held this year in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador and hosted by the Valley of St John's under the chairmanship of III. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33°.

St. John's is the oldest city and Water Street is the oldest street in North America. John Cabot was the first explorer to sail into St. John's harbour on June 24, 1497. The Province's language and dialect is so diverse, different communities spread throughout the island often have their own, unique accent, "How do you know where you are going if you don't know where you are at!" Well we are in the friendly, colourful and picturesque city of St. John's and with all the thorough advanced forward planning by the local committee and Supreme Council we know where we are going with this Annual Session.

To our candidates and their spouses, I extend our congratulations and best wishes on their election to our Supreme Council.

It is also a pleasure to be in the company of our distinguished guests from within Scottish Rite Masonry and from our larger family of Freemasonry. I am particularly pleased that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, M. W. Bro. Larry B. Grandy is with us and also the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. W. Scott Bartlett.

Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Newfoundland and Labrador had an interesting beginning. It started as a Scottish Rite Club. In the fall of 1966 a reunion was held which added 56 new members of the Victoria Lodge of Perfection and members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Scottish Rite Club. A decision was made to petition for dispensation to open a Lodge of Perfection to be located in St. John's and to be called the Centennial Lodge of Perfection. The name was chosen because of the year commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Canada and the 100th Anniversary of Scottish Rite in Canada. It was significant that the first TPGM, Ill. Bro. J.R. Smallwood, was the Premier of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, who had been the leader in the development of the Rite in this Province. This dispensation was processed prior to the 1967 meeting of Supreme Council. This proved to be a strong, active addition to Supreme Council.

That was then, this is now. The Valley of St. John's is a very vibrant and active Valley and its good works are noticed in the community.

This is the second time our Annual Session has been held in St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador. (1990 (655 in attendance) and now 2016 (420 in attendance).

Necrology

It is customary and fitting each year, at our Annual Session of Supreme Council, for us to celebrate the lives of our friends and brothers who were called to be with the Great Architect of

the Universe. All will be missed and we give thanks to God our Father for their lives and the love they shared with us. We mourn their passing and join together in the celebration of their lives on earth.

Since we last met one Past Sovereign Grand Commander and one Past Active Member of our Supreme Council have died. Each brought his special talents and gifts to Freemasonry and especially Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Each of them lived lives well respected and each of them died regretted.

Past Sovereign Grand Commander III. Bro. John V. Lawer, Q.C. 33° (1929-2016)

III. Bro. Lawer served as Sovereign Grand Commander (1991 - 1994). He began his Masonic journey in Toronto, Ontario in 1957 and joined Scottish Rite in 1958. He served his Scottish Rite Valley as a presiding officer and as Secretary for many years. He was the Grand Secretary-General of this Supreme Council. III. Bro. Lawer was a Director of the S.R.C.F. and served as Secretary from 1977-1991 and was elected President of the S.R.C.F in 1998 and served in that capacity until 2008. III. Bro. Lawer was very active and held many high offices in several branches of the Masonic Order. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in 1970 and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in 1975. Always an enthusiastic traveller and long-time Chairman of our Fraternal Relations Committee and Historian of this Supreme Council. III. Bro. Lawer was always there when needed for friendly advice and counsel. He passed on March 29, 2016.

Past Sovereign Grand Inspector-General III. Bro. John Carl Fairthorne, 33° (1936-2016)

Ill. Bro. Fairthorne was received into Masonry in 1961. In 1984 he was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in 2001 and served as Deputy for Ontario. Carl was Secretary of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation for several years and was a founding member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Windsor Learning Centre. We all have enjoyed the company of Carl and his wife Madeleine at our Annual Sessions. He will be greatly missed and we give thanks for the privilege afforded us in knowing and remembering this active and distinguished Mason. He passed on July 3, 2016.

Honorary Inspectors-General				
ANDERSON, William John	January 25, 2016			
CALDER, George Morris	May 23, 2015			
CHAMBERLAIN, Joseph Charles	March 27, 2016			
CHUA, Edwin Teng	October 7, 2015			
CONRAD, Gordon Franklyn	February 20, 2016			
DANIELS, Raymond Sidney James	January 24, 2016			
DECKER, Cecil Elvin	March 5, 2016			
DUKE, Vernon	April 13, 2016			
FERGUSON, Andrew	February 9, 2016			
HEAD, George Cyril	January 12, 2016			
HOLMES, Arnold Grant	May 21, 2016			
HOWARTH, Jerry Michael John	May 1, 2016			
INRIG, George Francis Wallace	May 21, 2016			
JACKSON, James Irvine	May 4, 2016			
JACKSON, William Cecil	May 29, 2016			
KLUMPH, Samuel George	December 13, 2015			
LISTER, William Gordon	November 17, 2015			

LITTLE, Robert Brandon	May 5, 2016
MACARTHUR, Allan	March 6, 2016
MACDONALD, Donald Phillip	October 5, 2015
MACKENZIE, John Gordon	March 21, 2016
MARCELLUS, MacGregor Leslie	May 15, 2016
MASKELL, Ernest	September 27, 2015
MAVIN, Hilary Francis John	January 10, 2016
MCFADGEN, Duncan John	February 23, 2016
MCGOWAN, John Joseph	December 17, 2015
MCKEE, Francis Edward	March 10, 2016
OTTO, Verne Alexander	June 19, 2016
PARKER, Earl Joseph	April 24, 2016
PELL, John Gerald	July 6, 2016
PETTIGREW, Keith Basil	November 15, 2015
RATCLIFF, Henry Arthur	December 5, 2015
ROBERTS, Beverley Graham	February 19, 2016
ROSS, Robert Edward	November 4, 2015
RYCROFT, Charles Bertram	March 22, 2016
SANDISON, Donald Leon	June 18, 2016
SCHWEITZER, Kenneth Lloyd	April 14, 2016
SHOLLERT, William Ib Eli	April 20, 2016
SKINNER, Richard Gordon	September 29, 2015
STIRLING, William Lang	November 24, 2015
STUPAREK, Kenneth Irvin	November 1, 2015
TAYLOR, Peter Everard	January 10, 2016
VAUGHN, William Frank	July 6, 2016
WAKELYN, Donald William	September 4, 2015
WILKINSON, Donald Clifford	May 30, 2016
WYATT, Kenneth James	February 27, 2016

Illustrious Deceased Of Other Jurisdictions

It was with regret that we received news of the passing of the following Illustrious Brethren from our sister Scottish Rite Supreme Councils throughout the world.

III. Bro. Victor Hugo Vásquez Diaz, 33° Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Chile

III. Bro. Parviz Yeganegi, 33° Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Iran in Exile

III. Bro. Leon Kuriyel, 33° Honorary Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Israel

III. Bro. Nicolas Arcas Marti, 33° Lieutenant Grand Commander, Spain

III. Bro. Alfredo Kasner Bouza, 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, Spain

III. Bro. Tamer Ayan, 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, Turkey II. Bro. Haluk Sanver, 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, Turkey

III. Bro. David R. Bedwell, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States of America.

Constituent Bodies

While we do not have a list of those brethren from Constituent Bodies throughout the Country who have laid down their Working Tools, we also give thanks for their contribution to Freemasonry. Many of these were friends and brothers in our own towns and communities. We mourn their loss and can be thankful of their eternal life with God our Father.

Past Active Rank

Our Statutes and Regulations requires that an Active Member attaining the age of 75 years must transfer to Past Active rank and also allow Active Members to request transfer to same.

This year we have two Active Members who by reason of age have attained this status.

III. Bro. Victor Lepp, 33° Active Member, Deputy for Ontario

III. Bro. Lepp faithfully fulfilled his duties as a Deputy for Ontario from 2011 to 2016, travelling many hundreds of miles on behalf of Scottish Rite. I am confident that he will continue to support and provide counsel to this Supreme Council as his time permits as a Past Active Member.

III. Bro. Michael Ward, 33° Active Member

III. Bro. Ward faithfully fulfilled his duties as an Active member from 2000 to 2016. He also served as the Deputy for British Columbia and Yukon Territory from 2000 to 2007.

Michael also provided leadership as a Director of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation for several years. I trust he will continue to be a source of support and counsel to this Supreme Council.

We thank them both and wish them well as Past Active members.

Dispensations and Rulings

Date	Valley	Body	Deputy	Request Details	Result / Decision
14-Sep-15	Windsor	Lodge	Victor Lepp	Open Oct 13 meeting at 7:00 for business	approved
14-Sep-15	Windsor	Lodge	Victor Lepp	Continue LoP reunion Oct 27	approved
14-Sep-15	Windsor	Lodge	Victor Lepp	Continue LoP reunion Nov 7	approved
04-Nov-15	Windsor	Chapter	Victor Lepp	Replace Nov 10 LoP meeting with RC meeting	approved
04-Nov-15	Windsor	Chapter	Victor Lepp	Open Nov 10 meeting at 7:00 for business	approved
04-Nov-15	Windsor	Chapter	Victor Lepp	Replace Nov 24 RC meeting with Nov 21 RC meeting	approved

Date	Valley	Body	Deputy	Request Details	Result / Decision
20-Nov-15	Ottawa	Consistory	Gareth Taylor	Present the Constans Allegory with MM and Ladies present	approved by SGC
15-Jan-16	Guelph	Lodge	Victor Lepp	Present the 8th degree in a craft lodge without secrets, signs, etc	withdrawn, cannot hold a master masons' night in a craft lodge
25-Jan-16	Victoria	Chapter	Stephen Godfrey	Conduct a second election of officers due to some of those who had been elected having to step down for personal reasons	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (11)
04-Feb-16	Montreal	Chapter	Jean Reed	To hold the re-lighting ceremony on Easter Monday	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)
04-Feb-16	Quebec	Chapter	Jean Reed	To hold the re-lighting ceremony on Wednesday March 30	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)
03-Feb-16	London	Chapter	Victor Lepp	To hold the re-lighting ceremony on Easter Monday	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)
10-Feb-16	Regina	Chapter	William Fitzsimmons	To hold the re-lighting ceremony with family and friends	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (8)
11-Feb-16	Sudbury	Lodge	David Bennett	To hold a Master Masons' night, no mention of ritual	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10)
25-Feb-16	Guelph	Lodge	Victor Lepp	To hold an open installation	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (7)
25-Feb-16	Guelph	Chapter	Victor Lepp	To hold an open installation	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (7)
16-Feb-16	Victoria	Chapter	Stephen Godfrey	To hold re-lighting ceremony on Maundy Thursday	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)
01-Mar-16	Kamloops	Chapter	Stephen Godfrey	To hold re-lighting ceremony on March 31	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)
08-Mar-16	Kamloops	Chapter	Stephen Godfrey	To hold re-lighting ceremony on March 24 (changed from Mar 31)	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)
01-Mar-16	Vernon	Chapter	Stephen Godfrey	To hold re-lighting ceremony on Maundy Thursday	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)
22-Feb-16	Halifax	Chapter	James Finch	To hold re-lighting ceremony on April 2 (Northumberland Club)	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (8) (9)
01-Mar-16	Vancouver	Chapter	Stephen Godfrey	To hold re-lighting ceremony on Maundy Thursday	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)

Date	Valley	Body	Deputy	Request Details	Result / Decision
04-Mar-16	St. John's	Chapter	James Finch	To hold the re-lighting ceremony with family & friends, on Apr 2	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (8) (9)
04-Mar-16	St. John's	Lodge	James Finch	To hold a Master Masons' night, no ritual	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10)
07-Mar-16	Sarnia	Chapter	Victor Lepp	To allow 14th degree mason (TPGM) to attend Maundy Thursday	declined, must be 18 degree or candidate to attend
15-Mar-16	Sydney	Chapter	James Finch	To hold re-lighting ceremony on April 2 w/ family and friends	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (8) (9)
20-Mar-16	Summerside	Chapter	James Finch	To hold re-lighting ceremony on March 29	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)
22-Mar-16	Saskatoon	Chapter	William Fitzsimmons	To hold the re-lighting ceremony with family and friends	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (8)
28-Mar-16	Toronto	Lodge	Gareth Taylor	To hold a Master Masons' Night May 19, 2016	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10)
28-Mar-16	Peterborough	Lodge	Gareth Taylor	To hold a Master Masons' Night May 9, 2016	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10)
25-Mar-16	Prince George	Lodge	Stephen Godfrey	To portray the 4th, 5th, 7th, 14th, and communicate the 13th degree	withdrawn, ART 22 (f) v
04-Apr-16	London	Lodge	Victor Lepp	To extend the time for a candidate to present himself	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (6)
12-May-16	Guelph	Lodge	Victor Lepp	To hold elections & installation May 25 (elections cancelled due to weather)	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (1) (11)
12-May-16	Guelph	Chapter	Victor Lepp	To suspend the installation of officers until May 2017	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (1) (11)

I have approved Bylaw revisions for the Valley of St. John's; the Valley of Sudbury Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Kamloops, and Valley of Ottawa.

Some Valleys have requested that they be allowed to hold the Re-Lighting of Lights on Maundy Thursday. The Deputies have informed the affected Valleys that no further dispensations will be granted for this request effective 2017. An amendment to the Statutes was presented at this Annual Session so that all Valleys understand that the two ceremonies of Extinguishing the Lights and Re-lighting the Lights should not occur on the same day.

It is also wise to remind Valleys that have had a dispensation approved that the approval is for that occasion only and that a request for a similar dispensation in the future must be submitted for each occasion.

Special Appointments

At the 2015 Annual Sessions of Supreme Council held in Windsor, Ontario, I appointed III. Bro. Alan J. Stoddart, 33°, to act as my Special Assistant for the ensuing year. III. Bro. Stoddart and his wife Cheryl have been tremendous support to me and Bonnie as we travel across Canada and to other jurisdictions on behalf of this Supreme Council. I would like to thank Alan and Cheryl for their friendship and support.

Similarly, III. Bro. David G. Hooper, 33°, has served as Special Assistant to III. Bro. James G. Finch, 33°, Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador this past year. His support of Deputy Finch and this Supreme Council is sincerely appreciated.

Accordingly, and pursuant to authority under Article 22 (t) I hereby re-appoint III. Bro. Stoddart, 33°, as my Special Assistant and III. Bro. Hooper, 33°, Special Assistant to Deputy Finch for the ensuing year.

Official Visits and Special Attendances

During the first year of my tenure I have had an opportunity to travel to Valleys within Canada and a number of other jurisdictions and other masonic bodies. I thank all those who have assisted with my travel arrangements including transportation and accommodations for me. It is indeed an honour and privilege to be part of this very large Masonic Family.

Official Visits and Special Attendances 2015 - 2016

<u>2015</u>	
Sep 16-19	Annual Session Windsor, On
Sep 22	Installation Antiquity Lodge, Weston, On
Sep 30	Degree Directors Dinner, Valley of Toronto
Oct 8	Sunnylea Lodge MM Degree, Etobicoke
Oct 12	Funeral Service for III. Bro. Edwin Chua, 33°, Toronto
Oct 13	4th Degree Valley of Toronto
Oct 16	Reception for SGC hosted by Valley of Toronto, Credit Valley
Oct 17	Funeral Service for Past First Grand Principal Frank Russell, Brampton
Oct 23	Reception for SGC hosted by Valley of Barrie, Barrie, On.
Oct 24	Royal Order of Scotland Annual Meeting, Hamilton, On
Oct 29	Chaired Past District Deputies Dinner, Toronto, On.
Oct 31	Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34 Installation, Etobicoke, On
Nov 6-7	Official Visit to Valley of Peterborough. Pres. of JRM to Ill. Bro. Jim Hutchison, 33°
Nov 10	LOP Valley of Toronto Recognition Night-7th Degree
Nov 12-13	Advisory Council Meeting Hamilton. On
Nov 13	M.Em. Kt. Companion Gordon H. Stuart Recognition Dinner, Toronto
Nov 16	Kingsway Lodge Installation, Etobicoke
Nov 20-21	Provincial Deputies Workshop, Hamilton, On
Nov 27-28	Valley of Barrie Consistory. Presentation of JRM to III. Bro. Brian Shannon, 33°
Dec 5	Breakfast with Santa-Valley of Hamilton
Dec 8	Valley of Toronto 12th Degree by Valley of Barrie
Dec 10	Sunnylea Lodge, Etobicoke
Dec 11	Georgina Lodge 60yr service recognition M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew,33°
Dec 12	John Carrick Christmas Luncheon
Dec 13	Valley of Toronto Officers Dinner, Credit Valley

Dec 15	Site Visit London Ontario 2018 Session
Dec 18	Installation Kilwinning Lodge, London, On
Dec 22	Eat & Argue Christmas Luncheon, Toronto
Dec 28	Funeral Service III. Bro. Ross Armstrong, Toronto
2016	Turieral Service III. Bio. Ross Amistrong, Foronto
Jan 9	Rameses Shrine Elections & Installation, Rexdale
Jan 11	Valley of Hamilton Consistory Installation, Hamilton
Jan 12	SRCF Research Cheque Presentations, Hamilton
Jan 14	Sunnylea Lodge, Etobicoke
Jan 16	Barrie Consistory Installation, Barrie, On
Jan 20	Provincial Deputies Teleconference
Jan 22	14th Degree Valley of Toronto
Jan 23	Official Visit-Valley of Sarnia-Robbie Burns Night
Jan 28	Magic Flute Valley of Toronto
Jan 30	Holy Trinity Conclave Installation, Etobicoke
Jan 31	Funeral Service for M.W. Bro. Ray Daniels,33° Cambridge
Feb 6	Celebration of Life III. Bro. Andy Anderson, 33° London, On
Feb 11	Sunnylea Lodge DDGM Official Visit
Feb 19-20	Official Visit Superior LOP Valley of Thunder Bay, On (all degrees)
Mar 8	Official Visit-Valley of Toronto, 17th degree
Mar 10	Sunnylea Lodge Move Up Night
Mar 21	Official Visit Valley of Woodstock, 18th degree
Mar 24	Maundy Thursday Valley of Barrie
Mar 27	Easter Ceremonies Valley of Toronto
Mar 29	Advisory Meeting Valley of Toronto
Apr 6	Valley of Barrie Scottish Rite Club
Apr 8	Advisory Council Meeting, Hamilton
Apr 9	SRCF Directors Meeting, Hamilton
Apr 14-16	•
Apr 30-May 1	Grand Chapter Annual Communication-St. Catharines, On Havelock Lodge Avon Lake, Ohio, USA
May 5	Official Visit Valley of Vernon 14th Degree-British Columbia
May 6	Learning Centre Directors, Vancouver
May 7	Royal Order of Scotland, British Columbia & Yukon
May 10	Official Visit Valley of Victoria, 9th Degree, British Columbia
May 19	Rite-Irees Luncheon, Winnipeg, Manitoba
May 19	Official Visit, Valley of Winnipeg, Open Installation
May 20	Official Visit, Valley of Brandon-Social Gathering Dinner
May 25	Official Visit, Valley of Montreal, Quebec (research papers Eng-18th, Fre-13th)
Jun 7	Tecumseh BBQ, Caledon East
Jun 10-11	Rameses Shrine Ceremonial, Niagara Falls, On
Jun 15	Valley of Windsor Golf Day, Windsor, On
Jun 20	Provincial Deputies Teleconference
Jul 2-7	Shrine Imperial Session, Tampa, Florida
Jul 19-21	Annual Communication Grand Lodge of Canada in Province of Ontario
Jul 13-41	Annual Communication Grand Louge of Canada in Flovince of Offiano

Jul 29-31	York Rite College Communication, Vancouver BC
Aug 5	Valley of Peterborough Golf Day
Aug 17-18	Military & Red Cross of Constantine Conclave Assembly, Toronto
Aug 19-20	Sovereign Great Priory Assembly, Toronto
Aug 27	Valley of Barrie Pig Roast
Sep 6	Official Visit Valley of Chatham (Awards Dinner)
Sep 11-17	Supreme Council Annual Session, St. John's, Nfld & Labrador

John Ross Matheson Award

Every year our Committee on Special Awards has a challenging but rewarding task of selecting the finalists for this prestigious award. This award is named after a beloved Scottish Rite Mason who exemplified a commitment of distinguished service to the Fraternity, his community, his country and mankind.

Nominees must be members of Scottish Rite and cannot be Active or Past Active members of the Supreme Council. Effective in 2016, award presentations now are in the Valley of the recipient in the year after the recipient has been approved by the Supreme Council. The Sovereign Grand Commander will consult with the recipient's Valley to choose a suitable time to award the John Ross Matheson Award before the family and friends of the recipient.

Supreme Council Initiatives

When I was installed as your Sovereign Grand Commander a year ago in Windsor, I indicated to you that I would continue to focus on the three areas in which IPSGC Richard Brown believed our attention should be directed to; Leadership, Communication and Membership. To these I added a fourth area; Education and Enlightenment. To that end, I asked our Lt. Grand Commander to review our Leadership Initiatives and our Grand Secretary-General to develop a Communication strategy. I would focus my attention on Membership and III. Bro. Robert Brethour, Active Member to develop an Education and Enlightenment program accessible to all Valleys. I will comment briefly on each area, realizing that more extensive reports have been discussed earlier at these Sessions.

Like my predecessor, I too believe that with good Leadership and an effective Communication strategy, in an environment of further masonic learning, membership recruitment and retention initiatives will be successful. These areas are closely related and as such, we have approached these topics as a team.

Leadership Development Initiatives continue to include the holding of conference calls with our Deputies, the development of a template to guide the Deputies' Annual Reports, creation of Talking Points for Deputies while on official visits, the reformatting of the State of the Rite Report to reflect our initiatives, a Valley Officer Training Manual and the conduct of a Deputy's Leadership Conference. The Deputies have also been asked to take a greater role in organizing the Deputy's Workshop at our Annual Session and discuss key issues facing our Scottish Rite. This will be the second year an HIG Orientation Seminar has been organized. All our recently coroneted Honorary Inspectors-General will be attending this seminar this afternoon to become better acquainted with their new responsibilities and the resources available to them to support their local Valleys.

Communication has been improved by the establishment of a Communications Advisory Committee with Valley liaisons under the co-chairmanship of III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson and Alan Arbuckle. Our website, *scottishritecanada.ca* continues to be a valuable tool as more information is made available in the Members Only area. Valley Grand Secretaries are reminded that copies of the Degree Rituals are now available to them on the website. Our

annual publication of The Clarion, which is sent to every Scottish Rite member in Canada, has proved to be an effective tool to share best practices and encourage donations to our Scottish Rite Foundation and our eight Learning Centres. The Communiqué has also proven to be an effective method to distribute timely information about Valley activities and Supreme Council Members, via email. New this year all Actives, Past Actives and the Valley Communication representative are on the distribution list to receive all Valley summons.

Membership Initiatives

National Valley Membership Survey Results & Improvement Planning

With a 22% Overall Survey Return rate, The Deputies have worked extremely hard with their Valley Leadership Teams in communicating the results of the membership survey and more importantly identifying areas of improvement that the Valley members can engage in for the betterment of their Scottish Rite experience. This survey has laid the foundation for engagement and improvement.

Membership Video - "The Masonic Journey Continues"

This year saw the launch and usage of the new membership video at Master Mason Nights and Open Houses. A series of testimonials sharing experiences from Scottish Rite members across Canada of who we are and what we do and what Scottish Rite means.

New Membership Jewel

The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario now allows the wearing of a Scottish Rite Membership Jewel. I am pleased to report that The Grand Lodges of Quebec and Saskatchewan have also approved the wearing of this Membership Jewel. To date approximately 1,700 jewels have been purchased by members. This jewel may be worn at Grand Lodge sanctioned events and Scottish Rite activities where regalia is required or is optional. It is hoped that Scottish Rite members will proudly wear this beautiful, unique jewel and will encourage Master Masons in their respective lodges to consider membership in Scottish Rite.

SGC Welcome Letter to New Members

When a candidate receives his 14th degree a welcome letter from the Sovereign Grand Commander is now included with his certificate.

As you can see we are now building a shopping cart full or membership tools to aid the Valleys in membership recruitment and retention.

Education and Enlightenment Initiative

Daily advancement and personal development, along with an understanding and comprehension of our Ritual are some of the major reasons for seeking membership in Scottish Rite according to the recent membership survey. There is a desire to have a uniform explanation of the lessons and virtues portrayed in our beautiful degrees. To this end Ill. Bro. Robert Brethour and his committee have shared at this Annual Session some of their objectives and outcomes for the benefit of the membership. I am very excited about this initiative as it lays a foundation for continuous learning for the betterment of the Rite and its members.

Ad Hoc Committees

I have assigned various members of this Supreme Council to review, study and prepare a proposal to this Supreme Council on the following topics; a more extensive Deputy Training program (V. Lepp, G. Greasley, S. Godfrey), an Overall review of the current Statutes and Regulations for accuracy and relevancy (B. Gilkinson and committee), a "How To" guideline on how Scottish Rite can support Craft Lodges (G. Dowling), a Deputy realignment study on

Valleys in Ontario (V. Lepp, G. Taylor, D. Bennett), and a recommendation to this Supreme Council on the frequency and location of future Annual Session 2019 and beyond. (R. Whitmore and committee).

Order of Demolay

This year I was very pleased that we were able to award three more DeMolay Leadership Scholarships to better promote leadership development in Canadian DeMolay chapters. Once again three scholarships will be awarded to DeMolays from Western Canada, Ontario and the Atlantic provinces. I am also pleased to hear that the Valley of Barrie is exploring how it may better support DeMolay at the local level.

Fraternal Relations

III. Bro Steven Warren COO (Executive Secretary) and Ardyce attended the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Madison, Wisconsin and The Grand Secretary-General attended the All Canada Conference of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of Canada. I believe that direct contact with the Canadian Grand Lodge Officers is beneficial in promoting Scottish Rite Freemasonry and ensuring that excellent fraternal relations are maintained between our Supreme Council and the Grand Lodges of Canada.

Scottish Rite Masons must be active in their respective lodges and Grand Lodge jurisdictions to ensure that Scottish Rite is perceived as a concordant body that enhances a Master Mason's Masonic journey and that membership in Scottish Rite is an asset not only to the individual Mason but also provides support to the Craft lodge.

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation

I attended the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation held this past year and will continue my support of our Foundation and our eight Learning Centres. During my tenure in office, I had the opportunity to visit some of our Centres and meet with their respective Directors. The Foundation can be justly proud of their accomplishments in that regard: a very informative video, an updating of the history of the Charitable Foundation and the completion of an outstanding capital fundraising campaign. (\$1,610,177).

Scottish Rite Week In Canada

A real opportunity to celebrate our pride in being Scottish Rite Masons and at the same time increase the profile of the Scottish Rite among our Master Masons. To this end, the week of November 19 to 26, 2016 is designated as Scottish Rite Week in Canada. A time to celebrate and enjoy some increased fellowship. I encourage every Valley to plan activities for that week. Please share your activities with Supreme Council and be sure to seek dispensation when necessary.

Conclusion

It has been a tremendous honour to serve you these past 12 months. Lieutenant Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Rob Whitmore, 33°, the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and the COO (Executive Secretary) Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33° have spent several hours working together to determine how we could best serve the needs of Scottish Rite in Canada. I regret having to say goodbye to our Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33° as he takes on another key service opportunity in our Supreme Council. His dedication, sage advice and wise counsel has made a marked difference in the governance and administration of his office and Supreme Council. The Advisory Council and the Charitable Foundation Board of Directors have provided wise counsel and the Deputies and Active members have taken up the challenge/opportunities of the outcomes from the membership survey and championing our Leadership, Communication, Membership, and Education and Enlightenment initiatives. In my

travels I hear that the Supreme Council Office continues to be recognized as efficient and effective, customer focused and easy and pleasant in its dealings with members. I thank III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, III. Bro. Steven Warren, and Leslie Drake, the staff who provide dedicated service to our organization.

Brethren, I believe this Supreme Council is reacting to what the Membership needs and desires; the outlook or direction of Supreme Council specifically, Scottish Rite Education (History, Symbolism and Governance), how is Supreme Council there to help the Valleys and why do we have the processes we do. As a result, I want to personally thank the leaders in this assembly for your continued support to Supreme Council and in your Valleys.

Thank you my brethren.

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Terry A. McLean, 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander

Friday, September 16, 2016 – 11:30am The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Of Canada

SRCF Minutes of the Directors Meeting

St. John's Convention Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador (To be approved at the April, 2017 Meeting of the Directors)

Present:	J. G. Finch	R. L. M. Findlater
	J. E. Ford	B. W. Gilkinson
	A. B. Loopstra	K. D. McComb
	T. A. McLean	K. E. Springer
	A. J. Stoddart	J. C. Sutherland
	G. R. Taylor	R. S. Whitmore

G. R. Taylor occupied the Chair, J. E. Ford acted as Secretary.

In accordance with By Law No. 1, Article 6.02., no notice calling the meeting was required.

G. R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:30pm and announced that there would only be one item of business, the election of a chairman/president and vice-chairman/vice-president for the year 2016/2017.

Elections

- G. R. Taylor turned the meeting over to A. B. Loopstra to conduct the elections.
- R. L. M. Findlater nominated G. R. Taylor for the office of Chairman/President. There being no further nominations, the acting chair declared nominations closed and G. R. Taylor elected Chairman/President for the year 2016/2017.
- A. Stoddard nominated B. W. Gilkinson for the office of Vice-Chairman/Vice-President. There being no further nominations, the acting chair declared nominations closed and B. W. Gilkinson elected Vice-Chairman/Vice-President for the year 2016/2017.

Appointments

The new Chairman/President then assumed the chair and appointed the following officers:

J. E. Ford ------ Secretary
D. S. Skinner----- Treasurer
M. F. Todd------ Executive Director, Learning Centres

Committee chairs and members will be appointed by the Chairman/President after consultation with individual directors.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation will be held in April 2016, exact date to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35pm

Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet

Friday Evening, September 16, 2016

The Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet was held at the Delta St. John's, in the Avalon Ballroom at 7:00pm with Sovereign Grand Commander Terry A. McLean presiding.

Mr. David Shears piped the Head Table and new HIG's into the Ballroom.

Following the toast to the piper by Grand Prior, Michael D. Farr, 33° the blessing was offered.

The Sovereign Grand Commander then toasted the Queen and the Craft after singing of the Royal Anthem and proposes a toast to the Office of Head of State of Jurisdictions Represented.

Following the dinner, the evening unfolded with the following:

Tributes to the Ladies and Visitors

Introduction of the Class of 2016

III. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33°, Chief Operating Officer

Speaking On Behalf of the Class

III. Bro. Fayez Oustwani, 33°, Valley of Montreal

John Ross Matheson Award Remarks

Presentation by the Valley of Montreal

III. Bro. Jean Reed, 33°, Deputy for Quebec, Active Member, Valley of Montreal III. Bro. James S. Ross, 33°, Active Member, Valley of Montreal

Toast to the Host Valley

III. Bro. Michael Ward, 33°, Active Member, Valley of Vancouver

Remarks by the Chairman, St. John's Host Committee

III. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33°, General Chairman, St. John's Host Committee

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Closing Prayer

III. Bro. Michael D. H. Farr, 33°, Grand Prior

Piper: Mr. David Shears

Pianist: Ill. Bro. James R. Cakebread, 33°

Address of the Newly Coroneted Honorary Inspectors-General By III Bro. Fayez Oustwani, 33°, Valley of Montreal 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander, Members of Supreme Council, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my utmost honour and delight to be granted the opportunity to speak on behalf of the new class. I would like to thank all the brethren that toiled so zealously to make this annual session take place. I know, because I'm on the committee already preparing for next year's session in Montreal! Where the 'Montreal Valley' will be delighted to welcome you all.

Most of our younger brethren are yearning for Masonic knowledge and enlightenment. But as our knowledge is so well concealed behind heavy veils of allegory and symbolism, they are finding it difficult to unravel the mystery and extract the truth. As the 14th degree lecture states: "Freemasonry does not inculcate her Truths, she states them, once and briefly, or hints at them perhaps darkly, or interposes a cloud between them and eyes that would be dazzled by them; seek and you shall find Knowledge and truth." Hence, on behalf of the class on the new 33rds, we take it upon ourselves, as a sworn duty, ever to assist, educate, motivate, and encourage those younger brethren as they climb the Ladder and achieve that Masonic Light.

I consider this occasion, as I'm certain the rest of the class does as well, to be the single most dignifying and ennobling achievement of my life. And I will forever strive to wear that honour worthily, to be truly meritorious of its title, not just a titular bearer, and to reflect honour on the choice of those brethren who have confided in me. Furthermore, this occasion means even more to me because in it, I follow the footsteps of my illustrious grandfather and great grandfather who was a supreme Judge and a 33rd degree mason in Damascus, Syria.

On that note, an enlightening thought conjured up in my mind last night which I had mentioned to our Grand Secretary-General III. Bro. Gilkinson, which I thought I would share with you tonight. It had suddenly occurred to me that the revered 'Saint-John the Baptist' after whom this lovely city is named, was actually buried in my city of birth, Damascus, Syria. His burial Shrine, about 2km's away from my parents' home, is visited by thousands of tourists from all over the world. And how marvelous it is for me to receive my 33° here today in St-John's, Newfoundland!

All to demonstrate, how effectually true is our Masonic axiom of the "brotherhood of man, under the fatherhood of God." Despite that we may speak different languages, and have different nationalities and religions, we never-the-less belong to that only ONE universal brotherhood of Mankind. And of which we are all brothers and sisters!

Thank you.

► SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 ◀

Executive Session 4

Saturday, September 17, 2016 ~ 8:30am
Bowering 1, St. John's Conference Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

The Sovereign Grand Commander declared the labours of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada resumed at 8:30am.

III. Bro. Tom Lewis, 33° reported on the 2017 Budget as presented and published in the Preliminary Report submitted and approved at the Executive Session earlier this week.

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Tom Lewis, 33°, Grand Treasurer-General and John Harrison, 33° that the Budget for fiscal 2017 be approved. CARRIED

SGC: You've heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions? I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

Crowning of New Active Members

The Ceremony of the Crowning of the new Active Members was conducted by III. Bro. Donald D. Thornton, 33°.

III. Bro. John Gray Teleske, 33°, Valley of Vancouver

III. Bro. Thomas Arthur Wills, 33°, Valley of Hamilton

were crowned according to ancient custom as an Active Member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

The Executive Session was closed and the Sovereign Grand Commander invited the Honorary Inspectors-General to enter.

General Session 5

Saturday, September 17, 2016 ~ 9:00am Bowering 1, St. John's Conference Centre, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

SGC: Good morning, brethren. It's good to see everybody is bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.

Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies, at this time I would like to invite all John Ross Matheson Award recipients to sit in the East: Ill. Bros Ken Veitch, Gordon Curl, Gerald Budden, who is the recipient for this year?

Brethren, I would like to introduce to you now the new Actives that were just crowned this morning: Illustrious Brother John Teleske, please stand, from the Valley of Vancouver, and Illustrious Brother Tom Wills, from the Valley of Hamilton. Congratulations, brethren.

And now I'll call for the Addendum to the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation, Illustrious Brother Brian Gilkinson.

III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33° presented Part II of the Report from the Jurisprudence and Legislation Committee on the Sovereign Grand Commander's Allocution.

Jurisprudence and Legislation Report ~ Part II

As directed by motion yesterday and pursuant to Article 22 (s) of the Statutes and Regulations, your committee has reviewed the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander presented to this 142nd Annual Session of Supreme Council and reports on its contents covering the first year of his triennial term.

Your committee finds the Allocution to be comprehensive and informative, of great assistance to anyone seeking a greater understanding of the priorities of the Scottish Rite in general and of our Sovereign Grand Commander in particular.

He demonstrated a firm grasp of the remarkable history of the City of St. John's. His use of the phrase, "How do you know where you are going if you don't know where you are at!" reflects his dedication to the effective use of surveys and a meaningful response to their results. His sincere words of welcome to our brethren and guests as well as his words of congratulations to our newest members of Supreme Council and their spouses were well received. Further, his pleasure expressed at the attendance of M.W. Bro. Larry B. Grandy, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, is an appropriate recognition of the deference to be shown to the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which we find ourselves.

Seldom does a Sovereign Grand Commander have the opportunity to also acknowledge the presence of the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Bro. W. Scott Bartlett. The presence of the leaders of both the Grand Lodge and the District Grand Lodge is a unique feature of Craft Masonry in this province. The ability of both to engage in warm fraternal relations sets a worthy example to be emulated by other Masonic bodies and certainly in the way our Scottish Rite, led by our Sovereign Grand Commander, relates to the various Grand Lodges within its national jurisdiction. His mention of the establishment of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection to coincide with the Centennial year of this great country and that of the Scottish Rite, with the Lodge of Perfection to be under the direction of a living Father Of Confederation, Ill. Bro. J.R. Smallwood, points out the intimate bonds that also existed between leaders of society and leaders of the craft.

His treatment of the passing of distinguished leaders of this Supreme Council, both at the national level and within their Valleys, was couched in terms of celebration, fitting for both III. Bro. John V. Lawer, 33° and III. Bro. Carl Fairthorne, 33° and no doubt applicable to all members of Supreme Council listed. All have made a positive contribution to the betterment of society, the Scottish Rite and to the character of those with whom they interacted during their lifetimes of service. As the Grand Prior observed in the Memorial service, each of us can look to one or more of those brethren who have passed and know that we are better for having known them. It is the strength of our Rite that the Sovereign Grand Commander can state with confidence that all brethren of the Rite who have passed in the last year had a similar impact.

It was appropriate that he refer to III. Bro. Victor Lepp, 33° Deputy for Ontario and III. Bro. Michael Ward, 33° as moving to Past Active rank at this session due to the attainment of the age of 75 years. He noted that both have served the Scottish Rite faithfully and well, in various capacities during their years of formal Active service. They are wished every success as they transition in rank, knowing the Rite will benefit from their continuing commitment to the welfare of the Rite.

Our Sovereign Grand Commander has provided a useful service to the brethren in the extensive table setting out his position on dispensations and his rulings during the first year of his

triennium. The reader can readily ascertain the request, the ruling and the reasons for it. This provides an excellent record for the guidance of those seeking similar consideration and is just one aspect of the ability to educate and communicate that is central to the initiatives undertaken during the terms of the Sovereign Grand Commander and his predecessor, Ill. Bro. Richard A.H. Brown, 33°.

His treatment of his special appointments made last year, by including them in the Allocution as ancillary acts pursuant to Article 22 (t) and making them the subject of a motion to approve them pursuant to Article 22 (u), represents another act taken to increase transparency in the performance of his duties and to afford this Supreme Council the opportunity to specifically consider ancillary acts and to approve them, as required by the Statutes and Regulations.

He has been exhaustive in listing his various official visits and attendances throughout the past year in office. Of note is the number of Craft Lodge functions that our Sovereign Grand Commander has visited and thereby seized the opportunity to cultivate and maintain excellent relations with the brethren, many of whom will represent the future of our Scottish Rite.

We join the Sovereign Grand Commander in congratulating those chosen to receive the John Ross Matheson Award. His reiteration of the work of the selection committee and the manner of the award presentation provides useful guidance to those seeking to have great lives of service recognized. Congratulations are extended to those selected most recently for this honour. May we ever be mindful of the qualities of John Ross Matheson as we act to do his memory honour, as men and as Masons.

The Sovereign Grand Commander's continuing focus on the initiatives formulated during the term of his predecessor and their expansion to include Education and Enlightenment reflect a dedication to the manner in which we conduct our affairs and benefit the brethren under his leadership. It also informs his appointment of Ad Hoc committees to improve the training of Deputies, to examine critically the Statutes and Regulations, to improve our ability to connect meaningfully with Craft Lodges and their brethren and to examine the structure of the Annual Session and improve it where possible.

The importance of cultivating men of character is recognized in his continuing support of the scholarships awarded to boys in DeMolay, an initiative that promises benefits not only to the Craft Lodges to which they petition in future years but also to our concordant body as they recall the early interest shown in them as individuals worthy of support.

Finally, the Sovereign Grand Commander addresses the need for charity, to others through the great works of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation and to ourselves, by celebrating our achievements during the upcoming Scottish Rite Week.

Congratulations Sovereign Grand Commander, for a year of stellar commitment to an inspired vision and a comprehensive strategy of service to this Scottish Rite which should, in turn, inspire all of us to see possibilities for its improvement and to work in harmony to achieve it.

SGC: Thank you.

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by III. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Rob Whitmore, 33° that Part II of the Report be received and accepted.

SGC: You've heard the motion properly moved and seconded. Any questions? I'll call for the vote: All in favour? Opposed, if any? CARRIED.

And now I will call on Illustrious Brother Donald D. Thornton, who will conduct an Investiture Ceremony.

The Installation Ceremony was conducted by III. Bro. Donald D. Thornton 33° on the following brethren.

Illustrious Brother William A. Atkinson, Deputy for Ontario Illustrious Brother Brian W. Gilkinson, Deputy for Ontario Illustrious Brother Robert D. Brethour, Grand Secretary-General Illustrious Brother Jeffrey R. Dickson, Grand Marshall Illustrious Brother Karl E. Springer, Grand Sword Bearer

SGC: Thank you, Illustrious Brother Thornton. And my congratulations, as well, to all the newly invested Officers.

We have added a fourth Deputy, as you may have noticed, in Ontario. We will realign the Valleys a bit and I'll just make the announcement of that realignment:

Deputy Gilkinson will have the Valley of Peterborough, the Valley of Barrie, the Valley of Kingston and the Valley of Ottawa.

Deputy Taylor will have the Valley of Toronto, the Valley of Hamilton, the Valley of Guelph and the Valley of Niagara.

Deputy Atkinson will have the Valley of Windsor, the Valley of Chatham, the Valley of London, the Valley of Woodstock and the Valley of Sarnia.

Deputy Bennett will remain with his Valleys of North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

And now I will call on Illustrious Brother Gareth Taylor for the Report of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada.

III. Bro. Taylor presented his Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Presidents' Report:

SRCF President's Report

As printed in the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Annual Report

I am deeply honoured to serve as the 8th President of the Foundation. My involvement with the Foundation has been on-going since 2001 when I was asked to assist with the Grants and Awards Program. It has been very special to watch and to take part in the growth of the Foundation's programs over the last 15 years.

Congratulations to our \$1 Million fundraising team lead by Sydney R. (Skip) Whiteley, 33° that went over the top to achieve a remarkable total of \$1,610,177 for the 50th Anniversary Capital Funding Raising Project. This additional funding will certainly allow the Foundation to grow its core programs and to assist the Learning Centres.

Our deep appreciation to III. Bro. D. Garry Dowling, 33° for his time and effort in the writing of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada – Our History Volume Two (1985-2014). This edition is now available. This book is the companion volume to "The First Twenty Years" (1964-984) written by III. Bro. Donald M. Fleming, 33°.

The joint publication of the "Clarion" by the SRCF and Supreme Council was sent to all Scottish Rite members in Canada in December 2015. This issue highlighted the success of the Foundation's Capital Campaign. Congratulations to our Editor in Chief, Ill. Bro. Kenneth D. McComb, 33° and his Editorial Board for another outstanding issue.

This year we welcomed four new Directors: Ill. Bros. James G. Finch 33°, Brian W. Gilkinson 33°, Alan J. Stoddart 33° and Robert S. Whitmore 33°.

2016-2017 will see two new Directors being elected. We thank III. Bros. Marvin L. Munro, 33° and Duncan S. Skinner, 33° who will be stepping down as Directors, for their time and efforts on behalf of the Foundation. A special thanks to III. Bro. Skinner who has served as the Foundation's Treasurer for the past five years. In spite of a serious health concern in late 2015, Duncan continued to perform his duties as Treasurer. We are very pleased that Duncan has agreed to continue as the Foundation's Treasurer for the next year.

In the last year, I was able to attend the graduation ceremonies at the Barrie and Halifax Learning Centres. In April 2016, I was able to meet with the annual Conference of Learning Centre Directors which was arranged by III. Bro. Matthew F. Todd, 33° Executive Director Learning Centres. These events certainly reinforce the difference that we are making in these communities.

My special thanks to the Directors, Officers, Committee Chairman, Executive Director Learning Centres, Learning Centre Tutors and Volunteers, Valley Representatives and the Foundation office staff for all of your efforts on behalf of the Foundation to help us in our work to Help Solve the Puzzles of the Mind.

To our Scottish Rite members, thank you for your ongoing financial support of the Foundation.

Dr. Martin Luther King once said to an audience "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'". I believe that we can be truly proud of what The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation accomplishes for others through its Grants and Awards and the Learning Centre Programs.

SGC: Thank you Illustrious Brother Taylor.

At this time I would like to give thanks to Illustrious Brother Robert Whitmore. Robert provides us with a lot of professional counsel throughout the years and his work for us is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

Grand Secretary-General, have you any announcements?

GSG: I do, Sovereign Grand Commander.

Those brethren with microphones are reminded to turn them in at the sound board before leaving the room.

The following Active and Past Active Members will please attend at the Grand Secretary-General's desk immediately following the Chain of Union: Michael Ward, Vic Lepp, Bob Brethour, Bill Atkinson, Jeff Dickson, Karl Springer, Tom Wills and John Teleske.

There will be a lunch commencing at 11:00 a.m. for workers in Bowring One. For some of the support staff that are in the room, would they please communicate that to the others.

The Future Session lunch meeting will commence at 11:30 a.m. with committee chairs and ladies in Harbourview E, and the following brethren are asked to be in attendance there: Terry McLean, Robert Whitmore, Brian Gilkinson, Bob Brethour, Tom Lewis, Steve Warren, Leslie Drake will be there, and the St. John's Committee Chair people, Owen and Rosalind Devereaux.

Also representing Montreal: Jean Reed and Jim Ross; and from London: Gary and Wendy Dowling and Jim Ford.

The Valley event will run from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Avalon A Ballroom and it is the fervent request of the General Chairman Owen Devereaux that people remember to wear their name tags to the event. Those who have purchased tickets have that fact displayed at the bottom of the name tag and that's a prerequisite to entry.

I believe those are all the announcements, subject to anything you have to say, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Thank you. I'd like to call on Illustrious Brother Owen Devereaux, if he could provide us with some more information on his kitchen party.

III. Bro. Devereaux: Illustrious Grand Commander, I had to borrow a pair of glasses this morning. I'm like our Grand Prior, I left them somewhere. I acknowledge that this morning so he doesn't feel out of touch.

There was a couple that bought a late ticket for the Valley event. We took your money, we didn't call you. We will let you in, so don't worry about it not being on your credentials. The room will be open approximately 12:15 p.m. We ask that you go to tables and sit down because the staff is going to take the tables and run them through the buffet. It's more efficient.

We have tables reserved in the back corner, away from the stage, for the Sovereign Grand Commander, as far away a place of honour as we could. Actually, Illustrious Brother McLean, there are a couple of reserved tables up front and we will fill them with yourself and some of your guests, when you come.

The meal will be your lunch. You don't have to eat lunch before you go there. Jigg's dinner is not fish. A Jigg's dinner is salt meat and it's not brisket, it's actually beef that is pickled – and I don't mean as our Deputy from Nova Scotia/Newfoundland, as you've seen. It's a brine pickle and it's boiled down once and then it's reboiled again with cabbage, potato, carrot and turnip, so it should be fine for most people with their diets.

Some people thought Jigg's dinner was fish, so I just wanted to make sure so you do know the difference. There will be an opportunity for some photo ops. We'll have drape piping down in the corner. We probably will have some traditional Newfoundland clothing for you to dress up in so you can go back and say you actually are a Newfoundlander and I wish to make sure that Jean Reed, if he goes, that we get a really good picture of him in a pair of rubber boots.

So I guess that's it, Sovereign Grand Commander. It's just whoever goes there, they should sit down first because they're probably going to be stamping their feet and clapping their hands, so get rested, get your meal and I just hope everybody continues to enjoy themselves, and I'm sure that you will.

So thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Thank you, Illustrious Brother Owen. Looking forward to the kitchen party. Should I bring a bottle of Tums?

So there are no further announcements, then, brethren, our deliberations, transactions and ceremonies of the 142nd Annual Session of this Supreme Council are about to be concluded.

It only remains for us to renew our pledges to the Order and our commitment to its mission among men, to be ever mindful of our duty towards our brethren, and to strengthen our resolve to impart the inspiration and invigoration of this Session in all of our Valleys from sea to sea.

I would at this time ask that the General Chairman of St. John's and the General Chairman of Montreal Organizing Committee, please approach the lectern.

III. Bro. Devereaux: The travelling gavel of the Supreme Council is being used to conduct the affairs of this Session. I now present to you, Most Worshipful Brother Jean Reed, its travelling box and charge you to obtain the gavel from the Sovereign Grand Commander after the close of this Session and deliver it to Montreal and make it available to call the brethren to Order in September, 2017.

III. Bro. Reed: Brother Devereaux, be sure it will be done accordingly.

III. Bro. Devereaux: Thank you, my brother. I look forward to Montreal. I'm going to have a great time.

III. Bro. Reed: Great. Thank you.

The Sovereign Grand Commander called upon the Lieutenant Grand Commander for his acknowledgement from Supreme Council.

Appreciation

The Lieutenant Grand Commander expressed his thanks to the Host Valley of St. John's for all those who had a part in the Annual Session in St. Johns, Newfoundland and Labrador. He noted:

Organist

III. Bro. James Cakebread, 33°

Soloist

III. Bro. Clayton Handrigan, 33°

Piper

Mr. David Shears

Stage Crew

III. Bros. Jack Hanna, 33°, Chairman of Staging

III. Bro. Paul Fenton, 33°

Sound

III. Bro. John Scott, 33°, Director of Sound

III. Bro. Kris Nickerson, 33°

III. Bro. John Perham, 33°

III. Bro. Cam Mallabar, 33°

33° Director

III. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°

Escorts (Opening of Supreme Council)

III. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33°

III. Bro. Clayton Handrigan, 33°

III. Bro. James Rowsell, 33°

III. Bro. Gerald Budden, 33°.

Tylers

III. Bro. Ron MacDonald 33°

III. Bro. Clayton Handrigan, 33°

III. Bro. Lester Bowering, 32°

III. Bro. Mike Murphy, 32°

III. Bro. Charlie Parsons, Sr., 32°

Photographer

III. Bro. Bill Davis, 33°

The 142nd Annual Session of Supreme Council was closed in full and ample form. The Chain of Union was formed on the level in a circle and concluded with the singing of our National Anthem.

<u>Listing of Active Members of Supreme Council in attendance:</u>

Alan Arbuckle	William Atkinson	David Bennett	Robert Brethour
Richard Brown	Harold Crosby	William Davis	Jeffrey Dickson
Michael Farr	James Finch	William Fitzsimmons	Brian Gilkinson
Stephen Godfrey	Miles Graham	Allan Hadley	John Harrison
David Hooper	W. Douglas Keam	Loren Kline	Victor Lepp
Thomas Lewis	Allard Loopstra	Ronald MacDonald	Kenneth McComb
Terry McLean	Chesley Piercey	Jean Reed	James Ross
Karl Springer	James Sutherland	Gareth Taylor	Matthew Todd
John Trousdale	Michael Ward	Robert Whitmore	

<u>Listing of Past Active Members of Supreme Council in attendance:</u>

Maurice Hyrcyk	Sam Kalinowsky	Marvin Salmi	Donald D. Thornton
Gordon Young			

<u>Listing of Distinguished Guests and Concordant Bodies in attendance:</u>

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Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and		
Labrador	Larry B. Grandy	Grand Master
District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland		
and Labrador, Grand Lodge of Scotland	W. Scott Bartlett	District Grand Master
Southern Jurisdiction, USA	William B. Brunk	Grand Minister of State
Southern Jurisdiction, USA	Charles V. Sederstrom	Grand Treasurer-General
Southern Jurisdiction, USA	Joe R. Manning Jr.	Grand Prior (Grand Representative)
Northern Jurisdiction, USA	Gail Kemp	Grand Lieutenant Commander

Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
Royal Order of Scotland
Shriners - Mazol
DeMolay of Canada

Thomas A. Mortlock Gerald A. Riley Gerald W. Budden Elmer A. Ryzuk Ernest Loiselle Grand Sovereign Supreme Grand Master Provincial Grand Master Potentate President

Total attendance was reported as follows:

	Brethren	Ladies
Active Members	35	22
Past Active Members	5	2
Honorary Members	140	125
Candidates	35	28
Guests	14	12
Totals	229	189



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Terry A. McLean, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander





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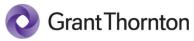
Robert D. Brethour, 33° Grand Secretary-General

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Grand Treasurer-General's Report

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AUDITOR'S REPORT



Independent auditor's report

To the Members of Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

We have audited the statement of financial position of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada as at May 31, 2016 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows, the schedule of expenses and the schedule of annual session revenue and expenses for the year then ended.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada as at May 31, 2016 and the results of its operations, changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Port Colborne, Canada August 4, 2016

Grant Thornton LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended May 31	2016	2015
Revenue		
Dues	\$ 182,866	\$ 184,110
Fees	8,740	4,980
Candidates' fees	<u>8,800</u>	6,400
	200,406	<u>195,490</u>
Expenses (Pages 7 and 8)		
Administration	161,915	188,708
Activities	32,792	7,932
Officers and committees	78,312	84,437
Annual session - net	<u>19,286</u>	<u>27,875</u>
	<u>292,305</u>	308,952
Operating excess of expenses over revenue	(91,899)	(113,462)
Investment income	52,363	66,130
Gain on disposal of investments	<u>17,486</u>	26,732
Excess of expenses over revenue before		
unrealized loss on investments	(22,050)	(20,600)
Unrealized loss on investments	(43,849)	(43,245)
Excess of expenses over revenue	\$ (65,899)	\$ (63,845)

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended May 31, 2016

Net assets	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted Special <u>Candidates Fund</u> (Note 6)	2016 <u>Total</u>	2015 <u>Total</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,493,575	\$ 157,433	\$ 1,651,008	\$ 1,714,853
Excess of (expenses over revenue) revenue over expenses	(68,915)	3,016	(65,899)	(63,845)
Balance, end of year	\$ 1,424,660	\$ 160,449	\$ 1,585,109	\$ 1,651,008

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Statement of Financial Position

As at May 31	2016	2015
Assets		
Current Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3) Receivables Inventory Prepaids and deferred charges	\$ 39,965 7,705 32,265 43,749	\$ 28,478 16,452 23,046 14,678
Investments, at fair value - unrestricted (Note 4) Investments, at fair value - Special Candidates Fund (Note 4) Capital assets	1,441,119 157,559 1	1,551,322 147,662 1
	\$ 1,722,363	\$ 1,781,639
Liabilities Current Payables and accruals (Note 5) Deferred revenue	\$ 25,961	\$ 33,419 3,757
Candidates and other fees paid in advance	111,293 137,254	93,455
Net assets Unrestricted Internally restricted - Special Candidates	1,424,660	1,493,575
Fund (Note 6)	<u>160,449</u> <u>1,585,109</u>	<u>157,433</u> <u>1,651,008</u>
	\$ 1,722,363	\$ 1,781,639

Commitments (Note 7)

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Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended May 31	2016	2015
Net Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		
Operating activities		
Excess of expenses over revenue	\$ (65,899)	\$ (63,845)
Items not affecting cash		
Gain on disposal of investments	(17,486)	(26,732)
Change in unrealized gain on investments	43,849	43,245
	(39,536)	(47,332)
Changes in non-cash operating working capital	(00,000)	(11,002)
Receivables	8,747	2,131
Inventory	(9,219)	1,296
Prepaids and deferred charges	(29,071)	6,292
Payables and accruals	(7,458)	6,897
Deferred revenue	(3,757)	3,757
Candidates and other fees paid in advance	<u>17,838</u>	13,061
	(62,456)	(13,898)
Investing activities		
Proceeds from disposition of investments	603,554	368,038
Purchase of investments	<u>(529,611)</u>	(357,253)
	73,943	10,785
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	11,487	(3,113)
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of year	28,478	31,591
End of year	\$ 39,965	\$ 28,478

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Schedule of Expenses

For the Year Ended May 31	2016	2015
Administration		
Salaries	\$ 48,213	\$ 48,432
Employee benefits	4,988	2,238
Rent	20,645	19,625
Postage	5,368	6,286
Telephone	3,067	3,780
Property maintenance	1,440	1,440
Equipment maintenance	3,070	6,967
Supplies	6,086	4,952
Office equipment	4,039	6,685
Professional fees	16,136	16,136
Managerial operating fees	51,381	55,051
Insurance	7,260	5,376
Printing	2,484	3,946
Computer service	2,116	1,363
Floral tributes	270	-
Sundry – net of recoveries	<u>(14,648)</u>	6,431
	\$ 161,915	\$ 188,708
Activities		
Proceedings	\$ 2,413	\$ 365
Sale of proceedings	(32)	(74)
Sale of statutes and regulations	(150)	(1,018)
Sale of rituals, officers' manual and lectures	(4,615)	(3,910)
The Clarion costs	10,741	9,499
Public relations	18,802	500
Donations and presentation	<u>5,633</u>	2,570
	\$ 32,792	\$ 7,932
Officers and committees		
Sovereign Grand Commander	\$ 10,845	\$ 9,579
Lieutenant Grand Commander	3,123	8,501
Deputies	18,664	11,757
Other	21,378	24,674
Advisory council	11,389	12,179
Attendance at other Supreme Councils	11,000	12,170
and international meetings	12,913	4,268
World conference	,	13,479
	\$ 78,312	\$ 84,437

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada Schedule of Annual Session Revenue and Expenses

For the Year Ended May 31	2016	2015
Revenue		
Registration	\$ 175,330	\$ 151,900
Vesper service	2,714	1,348
	178,044	153,248
Expenses		
Delegates - actives and past actives		
Lunches	5,585	4,126
Tuesday Dinner	7,385	5,851
Wednesday Dinner	7,403	6,689
Get Acquainted Reception - Wednesday	6,822	4,137
Foundation Luncheon	30,345	23,160
Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet	36,935	27,110
Sovereign Grand Commander's Wife's Luncheon	914	2,357
Guest Room Attrition	-	9,893
Ladies Program	14,086	6,852
	109,47 <u>5</u>	90,175
General		
Flowers	170	709
Workers' lunch	218	409
Printing	3,556	1,179
Accommodation – guests and sessions	12,457	10,683
Audio visual and room rental	15,301	22,967
Vesper service	293	700
Moving and insurance	1,298	2,967
Regalia	21,877	13,939
Miscellaneous	2,913	3,801
	9,067	5,082
Local committee expenses	9,007	
	<u>67,150</u>	<u>62,436</u>
Excess of session revenue over expenses	4 440	007
before travel allowance	1,419	637
Travel allowance	<u>20,705</u>	28,512
Net expenses for session	\$ (19,286)	\$ (27,875)
Total attendance	595	428
Location	Windsor	Halifax

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1. Purpose of the organization

The Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada (the "organization") is a not-for-profit organization which serves as the central administrative body for Scottish Rite Freemasonry across Canada.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

The organization has prepared these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and balances with banks and other institutions and term deposits with maturities of three months or less.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement

The organization's financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. For financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, fair value is adjusted by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. Transaction costs and financing fees relating to financial instruments that are measured subsequently at fair value are recognized in operations in the year in which they are incurred.

Subsequent measurement

At each reporting date, the organization measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for equities quoted in an active market, which must be measured at fair value. The organization has also irrevocably elected to measure its investments in bonds at fair value. All changes in fair value of the organization's investments in equities quoted in an active market and in bonds are recorded in the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payables.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the organization regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the organization determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Capital assets

Capital asset purchases which are significant are recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives.

Revenue recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the Internally Restricted - Special Candidates Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the unrestricted fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Dues and fees revenue is recognized as earned and collection is reasonably assured. Amounts received in advance are recorded as deferred revenue.

Fundraising events revenue is recognized when the event takes place and collection is reasonably assured.

Net investment income is recognized as it is earned in the statement of operations.

Use of estimates

Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each statement of financial position date to assess the need for revision or any possibility of impairment. Many items in the preparation of these financial statements require management's best estimate. Management determines these estimates based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of action.

These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to net income as appropriate in the year they become known.

Items subject to significant management estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts.

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3. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and balances with banks and brokerage firms.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash in bank – unrestricted Cash in investment account – unrestricted Cash in investment account – Special Candidates Fund	\$ 4,827 35,079 <u>59</u>	\$ 13,445 12,036 2,997
	\$ 39,965	\$ 28,478
4. Investments, at fair value	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Unrestricted Fixed income – guaranteed investment certificate Equities quoted in an active market	\$ 775,047 666,072 1,441,119	\$ 832,394 718,928 1,551,322
Special Candidates Fund Equities quoted in an active market	<u>157,559</u> \$ 1,598,678	147,662 \$ 1,698,984

5. Payables and accruals

Included in payables and accruals are government remittances of \$2,686 (2015 - \$738).

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6. Internally restricted net assets

Internally restricted net assets are comprised of donations subject to internally imposed restrictions stipulating that the resources be held for capital appreciation.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Restricted net assets, beginning of year	\$ 157,433	\$ 147,300
Candidates' fees	8,800	6,400
Investment income	6,083	6,531
Unrealized loss on investments	(11,867)	(2,798)
Restricted net assets, end of year	\$ 160,449	\$ 157,433

In 2005, the organization approved the transfer of \$ 15,000 from existing funds to form a 'New Candidates Fund'. This fund will provide an annual renewable source of capital in the future. This fund currently holds investments with a fair value of \$ 157,499 and cash of \$ 59.

7. Commitments

The organization has commitments for leases of equipment and rental of premises with expiry dates ranging to 2021. Future minimum lease payments over the next five years are as follows:

2017	\$ 4,285
2018	4,332
2019	3,584
2020	2,837
2021	1,578

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8. Financial instruments

The value of a financial instrument can be affected by changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity and commodity prices and credit spreads.

Market risk

Market risk is the potential for loss from changes in the value of financial instruments.

The organization is exposed to market risk in the investment portfolio as well as through non-trading activities. Market risk in investment activities is managed by the senior management of the organization and every investment transaction is guided by policy and regulatory limitations.

As at May 31, 2016, the organization's exposure was as follows:

	% of Total Investments		<u>Amount</u>
Fixed income	48%	\$	775,047
Equities	52%	_	823,631
		\$	1,598,678

As at May 31, 2016, if fixed income prices had increased or decreased by 10%, the effect on the assets, with all other variables held constant, would be approximately \$ 77,505. If equity prices had increased or decreased by 10%, the effect on the assets, with all other variables held constant, would be approximately \$ 82,363.

As at May 31, 2015, the organization's exposure was as follows:

	% of Total Investments	<u>Amount</u>
Fixed income	49%	\$ 832,394
Equities	51%	 866,590
		\$ 1,698,984

As at May 31, 2015, if fixed income prices had increased or decreased by 10%, the effect on the assets, with all other variables held constant, would be approximately \$ 83,239. If equity prices had increased or decreased by 10%, the effect on the assets, with all other variables held constant, would be approximately \$ 86,659.

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8. Financial instruments (continued)

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to investments in bonds.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price. The organization is, therefore, exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable. Management manages liquidity risk and monitors the cash and funding needs on a daily basis.

9. Related party transactions

During the year, the organization paid and charged back costs for The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. These transactions are in the normal course of business and measured at the exchange amount, which are the actual amounts paid. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is a not-for-profit organization whose board of directors are members of the organization.

Amounts due to/from The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation are as follows:

	<u>2</u> (<u>016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Accounts receivable	\$	-	\$ 3,974

2017 SUPREME COUNCIL BUDGET

SUPREME COUNCIL 33° OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY OF CANADA DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2017 WITH COMPARISON TO 2016 BUDGET AND ACTUALS

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017</u>	ACTUAL 2016	<u>BUDGET</u> 2016
REVENUE	171 500	182,866	180,000
DUES [\$ 4.50] FEES	171,500 7,500	8,740	5,000
CANDIDATES' CAPITAL	7,300	0,740	3,000
FUND [35 X \$ 200]	<u>7,000</u>	<u>8,800</u>	8,800
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	<u>186,000</u>	200,406	<u>193,800</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
ADMINISTRATION	F7 700	40.040	50.000
SALARIES - COO	57,720	48,213	50,000
SALARIES - OFFICE ADMIN	35,100		
TEMPORARY OFFICE STAFF	3,500	4.000	2 000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u>9,100</u>	<u>4,988</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	105,420	53,201	53,000
RENT	21,300	20,645	21,000
POSTAGE	5,500	5,368	5,500
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	3,200	3,067	3,000
OFFICE MAINTENANCE	1,500	1,440	1,500
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	2,500	3,070	3,600
SUPPLIES	4,000	6,086	4,000
OFFICE EQUIPMENT - LEASES	5,500	4,039	6,730
PROFESSIONAL FEES	16,150	16,136	16,500
MANAGERIAL OPERATING FEES	0	51,381	55,000
INSURANCE SUPREME COUNCIL	7,500	7,260	5,500
PRINTING	3,000	2,484	4,000
COMPUTER	8,000	2,116	1,175
SUNDRY	-8,000	-14,378	4,500
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	<u>175,570</u>	<u>161,915</u>	<u>185,005</u>

<u>ACTIVITIES</u>			
DONATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS			
DEMOLAY	1,500	1,500	1,700
MATHESON AWARD	5,000	4,133	1,750
PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE			
- PROCEEDINGS (COST)	2,500	2,381	-255
- PROCEEDINGS (SALE)	-50		
- STATUTES AND REGULATIONS	-500	-150	-1,000
- RITUALS, MANUALS & LECTURES	-2,500	-4,615	-2,500
PUBLIC RELATIONS	1,000	18,802	12,000
PUBLICATION OF THE "CLARION"	<u>11,000</u>	<u>10,741</u>	<u>9,500</u>
	<u>17,950</u>	<u>32,792</u>	<u>21,195</u>
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES			
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER	12,000	10,845	10,000
LIEUTENANT GRAND COMMANDER	3,500	3,123	2,500
DEPUTIES	12,000	18,664	22,000
ADVISORY COUNCIL	6,500	11,389	9,500
OTHER			
GRAND SECRETARY- GENERAL	3,500	5,180	3,500
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1,000	1,321	1,000
LIBRARY - OPERATIONS & RENT	2,200	1,500	1,500
OTHER COMMITTEES	500	208	1,500
OTHER / MILEAGE	10,000	13,169	5,000
ATTENDANCE AT OTHER -			
SUPREME COUNCILS / CONFERENCES	7,000	12,913	7,000
	<u>58,200</u>	<u>78,312</u>	63,500

ANNUAL SESSIONS

SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION ST. JOHN'S / WINDSOR	0	1,419	0
TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	<u>25,000</u>	<u>20,705</u>	20,000
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>19,286</u>	20,000
TOTAL	<u>276,720</u>	<u>292,305</u>	<u>289,700</u>
NET OPERATING EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	90,720	91,899	95,900
INVESTMENT INCOME INVESTMENT INCOME PLUS REALIZED NET CAPITAL GAINS	80,000	<u>69,849</u>	90,000
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE BEFORE UNREALIZED GAIN [LOSS] ON INVESTMENTS	10,720	22,050	5,900
UNREALIZED GAIN [LOSS] ON INVESTMENTS	TBD AT YEAR END	<u>43,849</u>	<u>43,849</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	TBD AT YEAR END	65,899	<u>49,749</u>

NOTES TO THE 2017 BUDGET

REVENUE AND EXPENSES ARE ESTIMATED BASED ON THE PRIOR YEAR AND ADJUSTED FOR KNOWN INCREASES OR DECREASES AND ALLOWING FOR INFLATIONARY INCREASES.

BUDGETARY REQUESTS BY INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED WHERE APPLICABLE AND AMOUNTS KNOWN.

THE ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES ARE THE ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY SUPREME COUNCIL AND WHERE APPLICABLE ARE NET OF COSTS RECOVERED FROM SHARED EXPENSES WITH THE SCOTTISH RITE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.

Report of the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of this Supreme Council can be found in Article 35 of the Statutes and Regulations of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Accordingly, we submit the following report in connection therewith.

Your Board of Trustees reports that as at May 31, 2016, the net assets under its charge totaled \$1,585,109 compared to \$1,651,008 as at May 31, 2015. The decrease in the net assets in the amount of \$65,899 is represented by an operating excess of expenses over revenue of \$22,050 plus a year end adjustment for unrealized loss on investments in the amount of \$43,849 for a net excess of expenses over revenue in the amount of \$65,899.

During the last fiscal year, securities matured or were sold with the result that Supreme Council realized a net capital gain of \$ 17,486 as compared to a net capital gain of \$ 26,732 in 2015 together with investment income of \$ 52,363 (2015 - \$ 66,130). The total of investment income and net capital gains in the amount of \$ 69,849 (2015 - \$ 92,862) was \$ 20,151 under the budgeted amount of \$ 90,000.

The Supreme Council investment portfolios aggregated \$ 1,598,678 at market value as at May 31, 2016. Note, additional cash is included in the cash and cash equivalents, which represents residual cash in the broker's accounts of the General Investments and the Special Candidates' Fund in the amounts of \$ 35,079 and \$ 59 respectively for a total of \$ 35,138. Thus bringing the total investment portfolios to \$ 1,633,816 as at May 31, 2016 as compared to \$ 1,714,017 as at May 31, 2015. The cash on hand as at May 31, 2016 was the result of net cash from maturities and purchases of investments together with investment income accumulated in the cash accounts of the two portfolios and with a transfer at the year-end of \$ 35,000 from the general bank account.

To summarize the foregoing:

Cash and cash equivalents includes the cash balance in the bank and brokerage firms together with the investments as outlined below:

	<u>2016</u>	2015
Investments – unrestricted (General Investments)		
Cash in Broker's account Investments at market value	35,079 <u>1,441,119</u>	12,036 <u>1,551,322</u>
	<u>1,476,198</u>	<u>1,563,358</u>
Investments – restricted (Special Candidates' Fund)		
Cash in Broker's account	59	2,997

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Total Investment Funds	1,633,816	1,714,017
	<u>157,618</u>	<u>150,659</u>
Investments at market value	<u>157,559</u>	<u>147,662</u>

Your Trustees and our investment advisor R.B.C. Dominion Securities continue to work within the guidelines of the Supreme Council Investment Policy, whereby we manage the portfolios generally within a maximum 50 % / 50 % split of fixed income to equity securities. Information provided by R.B.C. Dominion Securities indicates that for fiscal 2016, the General Investment Portfolio experienced an annual overall rate of return of 2.13 % and the Special Candidates' Fund experienced an annual overall rate of return of -1.68 %.

We would also advise that all securities were held in accordance with the requirements of Art. 35 (b) of the Statutes and Regulations and income from there is paid to the Supreme Council on request except for investment income earned on the Special Candidates' Fund, which is internally restricted until such time as the fund balance and the investment income from there become more meaningful.

In some years, it is unnecessary to transfer any funds to Supreme Council, however during fiscal 2016 cash requirements were such that it necessitated the transfer of \$ 115,000 (net) from the General Investment Portfolio to the Supreme Council bank account to fund operating costs, including the cost of the inventory of the Scottish Rite Membership Jewels.

Comments

The volatility of the markets over the past year continue to be a challenge, especially with the continued low interest rates and likewise low oil prices, which is exacerbated by lower demand for oil and geopolitical concerns throughout the world. As they say "as goes the price of oil, so goes to TSX and the Canadian dollar."

Nevertheless, the Supreme Council investment portfolios continue to provide well needed investment income to fund operations, albeit reduced from previous years.

Once again, we continue to be pleased with the services of R.B.C. Dominion Securities and their representatives. In particular, we would like to express our thanks to Mr. Richard te Boekhorst of R.B.C. Dominion Securities for their assistance, interest and availability throughout the year. Accordingly, we would recommend the continuing engagement of this firm to administer the Supreme Council Investment portfolios and provide for our investment needs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee

Terry A. McLean, 33° Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° Thomas E. Lewis, 33°

▶ DEPUTY REPORTS BY PROVINCE ◄

Report of the Deputy For

ALBERTA & THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren.

The following is a report on the state of the Rite in Alberta and NWT.

Communication

All 5 Valleys use a combination of standard printed notices and e-summons to inform members of meetings and special events. E-summons are becoming more prevalent as more members are becoming computer friendly.

Leadership

The Valleys of Calgary, Edmonton, and Lethbridge have functioning Executive Committees. The 2 smaller Valleys, Central Alberta and Medicine Hat, do not need such committees: however, the members do discuss the state of their Valleys on a regular basis. The only Past Active in the province able to assist their Valley is in Calgary (Past Deputy Stan Clayton). Since PSGC III. Bro. Orlan Weber 33°, moved to British Columbia, there are no Past Active members in the Valley of Edmonton. All 5 Valleys are actively involved in succession planning, have HIG nominating committees and have a program of degrees. Officers in Edmonton serve 2-year terms; all of the others use 1-year terms. Central Alberta is "recycling" many officers due to low membership. It should be noted that the Valley of Edmonton again assisted the Valley of Central Alberta with the ceremony of installation of officers.

Membership

Since Supreme Council receives membership statistics, provided by each Valley on an annual basis, it can be simply stated that the membership in each Valley is declining. This is due mostly to deaths and to a lesser extent demits. Both Calgary and Edmonton hold Master Mason Nights.

The Valley of Central Alberta recently had 5 new members complete their 14° which is a significant addition to their membership. The Valley of Medicine Hat has a new member progressing through the degrees.

Fellowship

In Edmonton, the Deputy attended the Christmas social. In addition, at the 14° and 32° Reunions, the Deputy attended the dinners and music night. The Deputy attended Central Alberta's "Free BBQ" in June. All of the Valleys have a Christmas social. Calgary also has a Palm Sunday Tea. The Deputy attends any social functions following Reunions in the other Valleys when making his official visit.

Unique

Edmonton continues to provide acting and director classes to assist our casts and directors. These are given by professional actors/directors. These classes are now open to members of the Craft Lodges and Demolay to assist them in presenting their rituals. Edmonton continues to annually sponsor scholarships to young musicians at the Alberta College Conservatory of Music. Edmonton has a well-developed system of charitable donations to a number of worthy groups. Calgary, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat work together, and members of Lethbridge and Medicine Hat are often officers in bodies located only in Calgary or Lethbridge.

Supporting Craft Lodges

The Deputy knows of no on-going activities that fall under this category; however, the Deputy has made it known that he will, at the invitation from the Worshipful Master of any Lodge, speak about the A&ASR.

Financial Health

Supreme Council receives annual financial forms from the Valleys. The smaller Valleys may be bordering on long term financial problems; however, with declining membership, all Valleys could face difficulties in the future.

Overall General Statements

Edmonton and Calgary, while having declining memberships, are strong and active. Edmonton still confers most of all of the degrees in its Reunions. Lethbridge, Central Alberta, and Medicine Hat are having membership problems; however, the members are sincere and dedicated.

Respectfully submitted,

Loren W. Kline, 33° Deputy for Alberta and the Northwest Territories

Report of the Deputy For BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON TERRITORY

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I am pleased to submit this report on Scottish Rite Freemasonry in British Columbia and Yukon Territory. As requested the reports are formatted under each of the nine subtitles with, and where possible, a report of plans which have been formulated following the Survey from Supreme Council in Spring 2015.

Valley of Prince George

Cariboo Lodge of Perfection (65) New Caledonia Chapter of Rose Croix (60)

Membership

The indicators show that the Cariboo membership is stable. Membership is now approximately 65. The same core of members are the workers of the Valley, and who also support other concordant bodies in the city.

The Valley has only two Craft lodges from which to seek members locally. It has another seven lodges within the region from which to draw membership but distance is an issue. Lodges are between one hour and four hours away from the City.

Reunion

A recent reunion in April gave the Valley the opportunity to seek brethren from all lodges and install them as Scottish Rite 14° masons. The success of the weekend was very evident and discussion has commenced in considering future reunions, and especially working closer with Skeena Valley – 575 km away.

Thanks to brethren who attended the reunion to support the two valleys: Ill. Bro. Karl Springer 33° and his wife, who traveled by car 685 km to attend, Ill. Bros. M. Calli 33° and D. Parker 33° from Skeena for their support and encouragement, Ill. Bros. P. Durrell 33°, Ill. Bro. M. Norbury 33° and their wives, and Ill. Bro. P. Eales 33°, all from Vancouver and who flew in for the event, Ill. Bro. R. Strelaeff 32°, of Victoria who flew in, and Ill. Bro. Jon Broadberry 32° from Thompson Valley by car (over 500km). Five of ten valleys of the jurisdiction were represented at the Reunion.

Communication

All notices are sent by emails, with a small number sent through regular mail.

Leadership

A small core of members are regular attenders and supporters of the conferring of the degrees and the running of the lodge program. The HIGs of the Valley are fully supporting the work of the officers. They encourage and inspire the membership and are readily participating in the conferring of degrees. The tight knitted group does not require an executive council. There is a high level of trust, and delegation of tasks to members is completed efficiently.

At the Reunion, new 14° members from last year's class participated in the conferring of the degrees, showing strong interest and enthusiasm in working for the Valley. Many will take leadership positions in the Valley. Following the reunion, discussions began to consider more support for Skeena Valley in the future year(s).

Valley Fellowship

Because of the small membership the fellowship is resilient. Several social activates are shared and combined with the Royal Arch Masons and Shrine since many Scottish Rite Masons belong to all three bodies. The fellowship fits well with the culture of the city of Prince George and the masonic life seen there. An Easter Breakfast with family following the relighting of lights has been a regular event. Because of the closeness of the Scottish Rite members to other masonic bodies, sufficient social events are scheduled without the Scottish Rite forming one of its own.

Connecting/Supporting of Craft Freemasonry

Many members of the Valley are strong members of their craft lodges as well as supporters of other fraternal groups.

Financial Health

Financially the Valley is healthy.

Valley of Nanaimo

Colville Lodge of Perfection (113)

The Valley of Nanaimo continues to build a strong interest in Scottish Rite in the area of Central Vancouver Island. An Official Visit to the Valley took place in January.

Membership

The Valley has a strong core of dedicated Masons who have been members for many years. Meetings are well attended with their counterparts in Strathcona Lodge of Perfection attending from Campbell River. The Valley shares some of the conferrals of degrees. A Class of new candidates each year has increased participation and enthusiasm for the Rite.

Communication

All communications are with email, with the exception of brethren without Internet connection. The new Grand Secretary has taken on the work of the Valley with enthusiasm.

Leadership

The Valley has had a strong Leadership over several years. Many of the TPGMs have been Masters of the Craft Lodges. Thus a transfer of skills from one body to another is evident. Both Past TPGMs and HIGs play an active role in the conferring of degrees as well as in the planning of events. Like other Valleys in BC, the members in general are strong active members of their Craft Lodges and thus combine several social events regularly with other bodies of Freemasonry.

Valley Fellowship

The Valley holds a joint installation with Strathcona Valley each February. The attendance at the annual event has increased over time. A majority of officers, of each Valley, attend and social capital received is excellent. I was privileged to be the installing officer of the annual event.

Valley Events

In June the Valley joins with the Shriners and Craft Masons of Nanaimo to hold a joint barbecue. The event again offers an opportunity for Master Masons to be in the company of dedicated Scottish Rite Masons and from this event invariably there will come proposals for membership to the Valley. The Valley regularly holds small fundraisers for donations to the BC Learning Centre. I was privileged to present to III. Bro. Dale Friesen 32° the Order of Merit for his dedicated service to the Valley. Bro. Friesen has been the Tyler for the Valley for many years, always welcoming everyone with a strong hand shake and a warm smile. His willingness to offer help in any other capacity in the Valley has been an example of the commitment that is typical of Scottish Rite Masons.

This year the Valley sponsored a golf tournament in memory of III. Bro. Art Berry 32° who passed away in May 2015. The charity that his widow wished to have sponsored was the BC Transplant. Over 60 Masons and wives attended for the golf and the banquet. Mary Ellen Berry attended both the golf and dinner.

Connecting/Supporting of Craft Freemasonry

See note above (Valley Event). Apart from this event, the Scottish Rite Masons are a strong core of their Craft Lodges, continually showing leadership. Like many small town Valleys, their support of many fraternal bodies is typical. Presentations to Craft masons in the lodges about Scottish Rite has been a regular event.

Financial Health

Recent increase in the dues of the Valley has maintained a balanced budget covering general running costs of the Valley.

The Valley has requested a consideration for opening a new Chapter of Rose Croix to be situated in Parksville. Space for the meetings as well as storage facilities for regalia and other materials has been found. Discussions with the Victoria Chapter of Rose Croix membership have commenced. Discussions will continue in the Fall 2016.

From the Survey

Education was raised as an area that is lacking in the work of the Lodge. The Valley has three meetings a year when no degrees are conferred and will be considering using these meetings to present education. The Valley has requested from the Deputy some material available. The new Website Education and Enlightenment section when constructed, could help initially in finding material to develop an educational program.

Valley of Fraser Valley

Fraser Valley Lodge of Perfection (121)
Fraser Valley Chapter of Rose Croix (107)

Membership

Membership of the Valley is stable. Nine candidates were received in the year with only the loss of one brother. Another brother has been reinstated. This Valley has the opportunity to seek membership from many lodges both within the area of the city of Langley as well as others in the Vancouver area. Brethren visit lodges in a wide range of the metropolitan and outlying area of Vancouver. I was pleased to present two Orders of Merit - to III. Bro. Doug Potter 32°and III. Bro. Herbert Chow 32°, both hard workers in the Valley and both always attending meetings and offering their service to the Lodge and Chapter.

Communication

Regular summons are sent via email. Some are still posted through Canada Post. This year – a continuation from last year where several contemplations written by the TPGM and sent to all email addresses. A total of 27 contemplations have been sent. At the official visit of the Deputy the evening was purely education. Five of the class were invited to present their thoughts following the degrees up to the 12th degree. A report of the meeting was submitted and published in the Clarion Winter 2016. Updates were sent with the meeting notices, including how the Valley was progressing, upcoming events, and keeping the house in order which was the theme for the year.

Leadership

The leadership team gave input to the program and development of the Valley, requesting opinion of changes, development and support for the Valley. Notices were sent to the officers of the Leadership team – preparing the team for the upcoming meetings. Forty-six "no surprise messages" were sent – communications giving further details of items for their interest. Lodge Officers booklets were created and all leadership team members were involved through their input in their creation. Successive planning has been discussed with an advisory group resulting in future plans of strong leaders in the top three chairs of the Valley.

Valley Fellowship

The Grand Master of Ceremonies sent to each candidate a summary and lesson points for each degree conferred or communicated. It has been a regular practice for the class to receive a copy of the lecture of the degree conferred of an evening.

Valley Events

A 58-page booklet for candidates entitled "Introduction to Valley of the Fraser Valley Lodge of Perfection A. & A. S. R. of Canada" has been printed. Each candidate has two mentors, a 32° and 33° Mason. The class presented twice their thoughts of the degrees during the year. This year is the second year of a cooperative degree program with Vancouver Valley. The main purpose, that between the two valleys, all the degrees 4 – 14 would be portrayed.

Connecting/Supporting of Craft Freemasonry

An educational program has been completed and presented to three Craft Lodges

Financial Health

Dues were increased as well as fees for the degrees. The Valley is more financially stable.

Valley of Castlegar/Nelson

Kootenay-Boundary Lodge of Perfection (40) Kokanee Chapter of Rose Croix (31)

Membership

Membership in the Valley remains small and has declined slightly from last year. One application is in the hands of the Grand Secretary for next year and one affiliation for the Chapter. Approximately 10 - 15 will attend regular meetings. Geographically it will draw membership from one lodge in the same city with eight other lodges within 150 km. One brother lives 4 hours away - (350 km). Geography and weather play a major role in the work of the Valley – for both attendance and social events.

Communication

All Notices are sent via email. Notices give details of dinners before meetings as well as the regular details of officers, agenda, and list of meetings. The notice is used to advertise not only meetings for the months ahead, but topics from Supreme Council; it acts as a newsletter. The TPGM has continued to meet as many of the brethren informally rather than phone calls.

Leadership

Succession planning is started from the JGW position, and the practice of the Valley is to have two TPGM serve for a two-year period, with both SGW and JGW taking their position for the same time. Importantly there is mentoring and support by the HIGs for the officers.

Valley Fellowship

Because of the distance brethren travel to attend meetings, there is usually a Festive Board before each meeting at a local restaurant. Many Scottish Rite Brethren are strong supporters of Craft Masonry and meet informally at these events during the year. There is little opportunity for the Valley to join another Valley to share the degree work. The closest Valley is Okanagan – 350km. Most social events are therefore with the Craft Lodges.

Valley Events

The dinners, before the meeting, serve as a social time together. At these meeting each brother donates to the SRCF, the total each year is submitted to Supreme Council.

Connecting/Supporting of Craft Freemasonry

Being a small Valley and separated from other Valleys most of the connections is through Craft Lodge meetings. This area of the Province has nine lodges from which to seek interest in Scottish Rite (between 150 km to the west and 370 km to the east). Brethren living closer to Trail complete the majority of the work. The Valley did give two presentations in Craft Lodges about the Scottish Rite.

Financial Health.

The Valley is in good financial health. General funds and some small investments are both sound. The rent is reasonable and expenses are controlled with combined accounts to cut down on paperwork and bookkeeping.

Informal discussions have taken place on the plans for the future work of the Valley. Membership increase is one area that will be looked at carefully as well as building some Social activities specifically with Valley members. The Valley will also be looking forward to presenting about Scottish Rite Masonry in more Craft Lodges in the future. Next year there is opportunity to make a presentation about Scottish Rite at a Masonic Day. The TPGM is interested in organizing acting classes for the membership to enhance portrayals of the degrees.

Valley of Vernon

Okanagan Lodge of Perfection (131) Moray Chapter of Rose Croix (124) Morning Star Consistory (111)

Membership

Membership is generally declining in all three bodies. – comparison of number from last year to this. All three bodies have had candidates for degrees. The forecast for the future sees the Valley increase membership steadily. The Consistory has twenty-three candidates this year (jointly from Okanagan and Thompson Valleys). Few members travel from Penticton for Valley meetings, since Penticton resigned its Warrant several years ago. Talks have included a review of the Scottish Rite membership from Penticton to see if there is a possibility to create a Scottish Rite Club with members of that area. The Valley hopes for more degrees conferred rather than communicated, requiring new members to be approached and seek in conferrals.

Communication

All communications are emailed. Several without Internet, receive all correspondence by Canada Post.

Leadership

Leadership is respected and trusted. The three bodies work well together with each having a strong team of officers. Communication between each body is identified as significantly important for the year's plan of meetings. The Valley recognizes that a clear plan helps with personal planning of support for the Valley meetings. Officers of Consistory hold office for two years, while Perfection and Rose Croix are for one year. An Advisory Committee meeting will occur in June, with all officers, incoming officers attending. Schedule of degrees will be discussed.

Valley Fellowship

(Keeping Connected) Monthly lunches at a local restaurant are organized by the Valley for members and invited guests. Attendance is good, especially with working members sometimes able to attend.

Valley Events

The Order of Merit was presented to III. Bro. Paul Eberman, 32°, a brother who has been a regular and prompt attender at all meetings, and it has to be stressed at all meetings, and who has therefore served the Valley with distinction. Vernon has a masonic Social Committee of all bodies of the fraternity who organize three events during each year, and not necessarily the same events each year. This Valley has an Education Officer appointed by the membership, one of two Valleys in the jurisdiction with such an Officer.

Connecting/Supporting of Craft Freemasonry

A joint committee schedules three events each year and includes all fraternal groups, Scottish Rite, Craft, Royal Arch, and Shrine. Members of the committee come from each of the fraternal groups.

Financial Health

The cash and investments of the Valley are strong. Recent dues increase has helped in covering annual budgets. The Financial Health of the Valley is good.

From the Survey

An Advisory Meeting was held and the survey results discussed.

- Social events outside of the meetings was seen as a need. The main issue is the events encompass as many of the membership as possible. The thought – "I don't get the brotherhood fellowship outside lodge meetings" – was expressed.
- All meetings are conferring of obligatory degrees. Plans will be made to confer more
 degrees in Perfection rather than communicate as presently done. Copies of each
 Lecture of all degrees (conferred and communicated) will be passed out to class and
 members after.
- Members want more Education. Education will be presented more at the festive board than formally in the tyled lodge. What is presently arranged, will be enhanced and will hopefully encourage more. A lack of resources available to assist in education is a concern. A variety of programs will be used, educational papers, discussion forums, feedback sessions, and open discussion of the Valley progress.
- The issue with both more degrees conferred and further education plans for meetings is time – time within the meeting as well as time at the festive board. Lateness of evenings is a concern. The Valley proposes to explore details of events locally, provincially, and nationally, to have at hand ideas worth duplicating (best practices), which might help with their plans.
- Communication within the Valley is satisfactory. The deliberate connection with the new SR Masons could be better an opportunity to be intentionally inviting to encourage their participation in degree work, gauging the memory work according to time available by the members. Making everyone feel welcome at every meeting will be a major plan for the future.
- The Valley is considering creating a Valley Calendar to include local Valley schedules and local social events, and not just Valley meetings.

Valley of Prince Rupert

Skeena Lodge of Perfection (24)

Membership

As reported last year the Valley has been experiencing difficulty in holding regular meeting as per the by-laws. This is mainly due to travelling in this part of the province, and with members having to seek work out of the town of Terrace. As a result, several brethren had started their masonic journey but have not been able to complete the degrees of Perfection.

A Reunion was held in Prince George (6 hours away by car – no air transport available) for the end of April and eleven members from Skeena completed their journey in Lodge of Perfection. With renewed energy and excitement, the LOP plans to confer degrees on several applicants who were not able to attend. Plans are in place to hold an election and installation, the latter to be held in September.

The Valley has come a long way since the last visit of the Deputy, and with renewed interest, it is hoped the Valley will become more active over this coming year.

Communication

All communications are electronically sent. A new Grand Secretary is keen to have all communications sent on time. With the help of HIGs, the Grand Secretary has become well versed in the work of his office.

Leadership

The three Executive Officers of the valley are keen to work together to rebuild the Valley. They foresee new 14° masons taking part in the team for LOP.

Valley Fellowship

From discussion with the members, the core of Masons is attending from one Craft Lodge and this is creating a group of young and enthusiastic Masons for not only their Craft Lodge but for the Valley as well.

Connecting/Supporting of Craft Freemasonry

The connection with a Craft Lodge in Terrace and the Valley mentioned above are paying dividends for the interest in Scottish Rite. This will precipitate through the large geographical area as the Lodge members visit other Craft Lodges. Like other Valleys, this Valley has only one lodge in town while the other 5 are a distance from Terrace. The geography and weather sometimes control the attendance at their meetings. They meet on a Saturday which offers a chance for members to attend. The obverse of that is of time away from family.

Financial Health

Although the financial records show small amounts in the bank statements, the Valley is in a healthy position.

Valley of Campbell River

Strathcona Lodge of Perfection (70)

Membership

The membership is small in the Valley. It has several Lodges from which to draw membership but only one locally. The closest Lodge is over one hour away by car. The Valley has a class of four this year. The Valley sponsors a Master Masons breakfast in September in conjunction with the Royal Arch Masons and Shrine. Members sense an increase in interest in Scottish Rite over other fraternal groups. Membership remains the same. Average age continues to rise. A core of members is the foundation through which the Lodge maintains its activities. Many are active members of Royal Arch Masonry and Shrine. This is the life of Freemasonry in a small town. I was pleased to present to III. Bro. Dr. John Bradley 32° the Order of Merit for his service not only as the Grand Secretary but also for his long service as the Director and Master of the 12th degree team. The Valley lost a well-respected Mason, III. Bro. Earl J. Parker, 33° who was instrumental in the formation of Strathcona Lodge back in 1985, a tireless worker for Freemasonry through many bodies in our Fraternity.

Communication

All notices arrive in a timely fashion. Those not on Internet receive all notices through Canada Post. The Valley is not considering a Website at this time. Additional material to an electronic notice would be an easy addition to consider. What could help the Valley are reminders for both practices and meetings. Discussion of Scottish Rite Masonry tends to be conducted while travelling to and from meetings. This Valley and Colville LOP in Nanaimo work together in conferring the degrees of Perfection. The relationship is strong and assists each in fellowship, attendance, and interest.

Leadership

There is no Executive Council for the Valley. Much work in planning the Valley program is with the senior officers of the Valley, and with the assistance of the HIGs. The cooperation works. Brethren regularly meet informally through their work in Craft Masonry and Royal Arch and travelling.

Valley Fellowship

As mentioned the breakfast held each September is the main social event, and planned by the Valley. Much of social events are with the Craft Lodge in Campbell River to which many of the membership of Strathcona belong. A positive environment therefore is found between the LOP and Craft Masonry. Many of the Valley members are also members of the Northern Lights Degree Team. This team travels extensively to confer degrees not only in BC but also into the USA and has even travelled to Scotland. Several HIGs are members of this degree team as well as officers of LOP.

Valley Events

The Valley has sponsored a charitable event, which annually donates the balance to the BC Learning Centre. The LOP holds regular dinners at meetings in which fund raising is part of the event. Several members offer to work as barmen to other fraternal events, part of which funds raised go to the Learning Centre. The Valley made a donation to the SRCF on the Deputy's Official Visit.

Connecting/Supporting of Craft Freemasonry

Campbell River is a close-knit community and Mason support many groups in the area fraternal and others. The Northern Lights Degree Team is a strong advocate of Freemasonry and hence Scottish Rite. In June a barbecue is held – purely social with family joining in the event. The Valley holds a Christmas Dinner; widows are invited to attend.

Financial Health

The financial health of the Valley is stable. Dues remain low. With a small membership consideration to raise dues is approached cautiously. Dinners tend to be an additional cost rather than use operational fund to pay for these events.

From the Survey

In further discussion with officers about the results of the survey, their opinion was that Education was certainly lacking in the Valley and that plans would be put into place to during the next year to increase presentations. There is little Scottish Rite material available in the Valley. Therefore, members will be searching for books on Internet to begin to build a masonic library of Scottish Rite books for the lodge building. Information about the upcoming additions to the Scottish Rite Website (Education and enlightenment) will further support resources available. In order to create Education evenings for the Valley the plan for next year is to rework past years' schedules to make available two business meetings where Education would be the focus. There is also interest in a focus on health issues in men to be part of the education.

Valley of Kamloops

Thompson Lodge of Perfection (70)
Thompson Chapter of Rose Croix (69)

Membership

For the last four years the Valley has been stable. This year has seen no applications to join Scottish Rite in the valley. The membership is eager to find more candidates. The Valley has five Craft Lodges from which to seek members, two are in the city. Average attendance of the Valley is about 30%. The Valley hosted a Bring a Brother campaign for the Deputy's Official Visit and there are plans for a Master Mason event in September. In March the Valley lost a most admired member, Ill. Bro. Francis McKee 33°. Over 60 years a Mason and 50 years as a Scottish Rite Mason, he was a tireless worker for the Valley.

Communication

Communication through notices is received by email. Some members still receive notice by Canada Post. Most of the correspondence from Supreme Council, the SRCF, and newsletters from other jurisdictions are all forwarded to the membership. The Valley has a core of active Masons who will meet informally to discuss Masonry in general and Scottish Rite in particular. Their new library has a selection of Scottish Rite material – the aim is to increase the resource.

Leadership

As a result of some Town Hall meetings over the last several years, the Valley Officers' have addressed the need for stronger Leadership by establishing a Succession Planning for the Valley's Officers. A Nomination Committee has been selected and successfully approached specific Brothers to begin and advance in the Line of Offices for both Bodies. These same Officers have taken it upon themselves to institute an Executive Council that is tasked with identifying issues, agreeing to an action plan and implementing it so as to assist the Valley Officers. The Executive Council consists of the Principal Officers of both Perfection and Rose Croix, Grand Secretary/Registrar, Grand Treasurer/ Treasurer, IPTPGM, IPMWS, and all HIGs and the Past Active.

Valley Fellowship

The Valley shares many social events with other bodies of Freemasonry. The addition of Scottish Rite social events is being addressed by the Executive Council which will establish a priority list.

Valley Events

The Valley utilizes a two-year term for Officers to assist in the succession planning and to establish continuity and stability in the Valley. Recently the caterers of suppers – the Order of the Eastern Star - for both Scottish Rite and Craft Masonry decided to conclude their support of the long tradition of catering to the dining needs of the Masonic Family. This Valley held a special meeting of Scottish Rite to acknowledge and show appreciation for all their work. The dinner was a gift to the OES members while other attending paid. Lifts were arranged for some OES members who needed a ride. Corsages and a small gift were given to each member. The dinner included entertainment. 40-50 were expected to attend – 70 attended. No one could remember a similar event in BC&Y. The event has prompted much discussion about Scottish Rite – maybe a possible increase in new members.

Connecting/Supporting of Craft Freemasonry

Planning for a Master Mason night in September has been recorded above. The Thompson Valley and Okanagan Valley have had a strong relationship over several years sharing the conferring of degrees. Regular visitations take place to Okanagan by Brethren of Thompson Valley especially on degree nights and on special Scottish Rite visits by dignitaries. The recent visit of our Sovereign Grand Commander in Okanagan Valley was attended by several carloads of brethren from Kamloops.

Financial Health

The Valley is in a strong financial situation and is on a sound financial base for several years to come.

From the Survey

At an Executive Council meeting attended by the Deputy the results of the survey were discussed. The Valley had the highest participation in the survey of Valleys in the jurisdiction.

• Education was shown to be a need for the Valley. It was strongly expressed that the degrees are of paramount importance and thus no desire to rush candidates through the

- obligatory degrees, but to take time to explore the meaning of them through further discussions.
- Plans are now being made to consider a Scottish Rite degree team to assist in Craft Lodges when called upon.
- Social events with other Concordant Bodies were also discussed.
- The Valley will continue their planning process through an Executive Council. The overwhelming consensus was the belief in quality of meetings, degrees, education, fellowship, and programs, will make the difference in the planning of the Valley's future.

Valley of Vancouver

Vancouver Lodge of Perfection (200) Vancouver Chapter of Rose Croix (186) British Columbia Consistory (393)

Membership

The numbers identified against each of the bodies appear to be low compared to those given last year. Reconciliation of membership numbers between the Valley and Supreme Council has been a major undertaking by the new Assistant Grand Secretary, III. Bro. Abi Tur 32°. It was found that numbers given last year were not correct and possibly inflated due to missed records of brethren passing away or demitting from the Valley. The membership of the Valley is stable. The Valley was saddened with the news that III. Bro. William L. Shollert 33° passed away in April. III. Bro. Shollert was a most active member of the Valley taking many parts in the degrees.

Communication

All Communications are through e-mail with a small group still requiring mailing through Canada Post. There has been some talk of creating a website for the Scottish Rite Valley. There is a BC Learning Centre website in place and being used effectively by the membership both locally and throughout the province.

Leadership

The leadership of the Valley continues to be monitored carefully. Both the Senior Officer and HIGs meet to discuss successive planning for the future.

Valley Fellowship

The Valley plans for dinners before meetings when special events during the year occur - i.e., conferring of the 14th Degree. Both Fraser Valley and Vancouver Valley continue to work together to support each other in conferring degrees.

Valley Events

The Valley held a Master Mason evening in September. III. Bro. P. Durrell 33°, acted as MC explaining Scottish Rite and III. Bro. John Teleske 33°, presented the work of the Learning Centre, inviting any to view the centre which was next to the lodge room used for the Maser Mason evening. A portion of the 16th degree was also presented as an example of the colourful dramas that Scottish Rite offers. The Master Mason evening is an annual event for the Valley.

The Valley conducts the Installation of the three bodies in January. A Festive Board follows the installation. The Installation program will be used in Victoria next year at its installation of the three bodies.

Connecting/Supporting of Craft Freemasonry

Many of the Craft lodges in the metropolitan have a Scottish Rite member who communicates at the Scottish Rite meetings.

Financial Health

The Financial health of the Valley is sound. The Valley Foundation supports special events and dinners that are scheduled during the year. It has a Board of Trustees who offer support when they see the need.

From the Survey

Informal discussions at meetings and over festive boards have identified two particular areas that the Valley will focus on in the future, Education and Communication. For Education the Valley has elected a brother as an Education Officer. A program has already been established. To improve Communication, the Valley has appointed an Assistant Secretary to the Valley. Already communications have developed well with this appointment.

Valley of Victoria

Victoria Lodge of Perfection (220) Victoria Chapter of Rose Croix (340) Vancouver Island Consistory (319)

Membership

The Valley has a number of well-qualified and active members who work tirelessly for the Lodge, Chapter and Consistory. Over the past several years an average of 10 new candidates have joined. More each year from the new class are put to work in the degrees. The Valley is rebuilding Degree teams accordingly. This year the Valley sponsored a Master Mason night and showed the new DVD – The Masonic Journey Continues. A short Power Point presentation was made with Scottish Rite Masons present offering their thoughts on their membership, why they joined, what they have learned, and why they stay.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of three Honourary Grand Inspectors this past year – III. Bro. Donald Wakelyn 33°, III. Bro. James Bell 33°, and III. Bro. David Walker 33°.

III. Bro. Wakelyn was a PTPGM and a charter member of the Vancouver Island Consistory and a PC-in-C. For many years he played Constans in the Allegory. Perhaps it was fortuitous that he enjoyed that role, as his characteristic in ROS was Constancy. He was Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon in 1986. Many greatly admired the work he did for Masonry in Victoria.

Ill. Bro. James Bell was small in stature – he was a submariner during the war - but with a wonderful voice, his ritual work was impeccable.

III Bro. David Walker was the PMWS and spent many years following his year as MWS conducting the table ceremony of the relighting of the lights at Easter.

Communication

All communications from the Grand Secretary are through email. A substantial number not on email, receive a hard copy of all communications. Payment of dues are now completed electronically. Notices always include a brief explanation of the degrees to be conferred. A small group meet regularly for lunch, which continues to build a strong team for the Valley.

Leadership

The Valley has a strong leadership both with the officers elected and appointed and the HIGs who note where support is required and are always ready to help. Over the years the TPGM has usually served as a Worshipful Master in his Craft Lodge, thereby bringing to the chair the experience and expectation of the smooth running of the lodge meetings. The Valley does not have an Executive Committee, which meets regularly. Discussion to consider a Committee to assist the planning of the year and thereby supporting the work of the Grand Secretary would be worth serious consideration.

Valley Fellowship

Each meeting of the Valley sees a conferring of a degree, and a festive board to follow. The latter have been more of a casual event with no formal agenda. It is usually here where some education is presented and always from some aspect of the degree conferred. The Valley confers all degrees for 4 to 14 on a two-year cycle and wishes to continue the plan. Scottish Rite Masons meet for lunch on a Thursday at a local restaurant, and invite brethren not in Scottish Rite to join them. From this luncheon, some candidates for Scottish Rite are found.

Valley Events

A group of Scottish Rite Masons regularly attend the annual "Breakfast to Remember" in Victoria. This year's event was held in February. The event is sponsored by he Alzheimer Society of British Columbia and held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Fairmont Empress Hotel. This year over twelve members of the Victoria Valley attended the event. At the end of May, the Valley sponsored a Master Mason evening; the DVD from Supreme Council was shown and a PowerPoint presentation by the Deputy was used to introduce Master Masons to Scottish Rite.

It was pleasure to present a Grant from the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation to Dr. Leigh Swayne. Her work will be on the molecular structure of certain cells, which appear to create autism issues. The research will be to seek ways to eliminate the cells and reduce the 'level' of autism. The Class of Candidates were in attendance at this presentation in the lodge room, offering them the opportunity to see what the SRCF does and observe our donations given to research in Puzzles of the Mind.

The Lodge was thrilled to receive the Sovereign Grand Commander, III. Bro. Terry McLean 33° on his official visit to the Valley. On the previous days, Our Sovereign Grand Commander presented 50 year Jewels and Certificates to four brethren from the Valley: III. Bro. Sandy Gordon 33° (91yrs.), III. Bro. Leighton Lovitt 32° (95yrs.), III. Bro. Stanley Clarke 32° (94yrs.), III. Bro. Raymond Bexfield 32° (89yrs.).

Connecting/Supporting of Craft Freemasonry

So many of the brethren in Scottish Rite are also leaders in their respective Craft Lodges. With Craft special events in Victoria and on Vancouver Island, the idea of special Scottish Rite Social events only arise when something to celebrate in Scottish Rite is considered. The upcoming celebration of Scottish Rite Week will be looked at with interest to create such an event.

Financial Health

The Finances are on a sound footing. Careful budgeting of funds ensures that there is no overspending. Consideration has been given to a raise in dues in the future.

From the Survey

The Valley recognizes that there is a core that share the majority of the load of the work in Scottish Rite. Whether this be by the regular informal meetings each week over a lunch, or from better chance that a positive response for a request to help in a degree is guaranteed from the core than others, that is not determined. Maybe both. The questions asking if one could devote more time to Scottish Rite were all responded to as "the same amount" as is presently being offered.

The Valley has a high expectation for new members to participate as quickly as they can be following their conferral in the 14th degree. The Valley supports the notion that it would be best to consider Master Masons join the Scottish Rite after at least one year in Craft Masonry. It is felt strongly that the membership need to invite Master Masons to join if it is already noted there is a hunger for more information on Freemasonry which the Scottish Rite can offer.

Consideration to review all aspects of communication in the Valley, expectations of Officers, procedures, clarifying the work of the directors of the degrees, as well as keeping a current list of the ritual work known by members. A website for the Valley in Victoria has been discussed – the need to find a brother willing to create one, and keep material relevant appears to be the first hurdle to jump.

Like other Valleys, Education was the weakest area from the survey results. Meetings in this Valley are always a conferring of a degree. Perfection holds seven meetings a year. Chapter holds four meetings a year. Consistory holds four meetings a year. Time and space in the lodge building both are an issue. This Valley does not have a separate Scottish Rite Lodge room. Education if at all is presented at the Festive Board. Serious consideration has been given to present Education to the class of candidates before their next conferral at that meeting. One commentator from the survey suggested that one or two meetings each year be for purely the education of Scottish Rite subjects might be worth pursuing.

The above are the 'big ideas', as the team that I met with phrased it, which will be massaged into focused objectives in the coming year.

Conclusion

I express my thanks for all the support from the Supreme Council Office that I receive. I continue to ask questions and make requests. Immediate responses come from III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson 33°, Grand Secretary-General, III. Bro. Steven Warren 33°, COO, and Ms. Leslie Drake, Office Administrator. I thank our Sovereign Grand Commander for the support he has also shown both in his first of several visits to our jurisdiction and for the many emails about educational matters. I have appreciated the genuine desire to help, to make the work of Deputy very enjoyable.

My thanks also to both III. Bro. Michael Ward 33° and III. Bro. Karl Springer 33° as Active members of our jurisdiction for their guidance as a team we have worked to keep the Rite alive and enthusiastic. Much of the work as Deputy is through discussion with the Active members. Their continued help and service to me has helped make the work of Deputy that much easier.

This is the last year for III. Bro. Ward as an Active member, which began in 1998, and which from 2000 to 2007 he was our Deputy for BC, and from 2007 to 2016 has continued to be a thoughtful and unselfish member of the team in BC&Y. His work has continued to be focused on all aspects of the Rite both in his home Valley and the other nine around the province. He has continued to help with discussion by offering a historical perspective in several concerns that have arisen. To III. Bro. Marvin Munro 33° I express my thanks for the regular communications I send to him for his wisdom on many Scottish Rite issues that he imparts, and to III. Bro. Ray Bryant 33° who has continued to offer support when needed herein Victoria.

The work of Deputy in BC&Y continues to give me personal pleasure in observing how engaged the brethren are with the Rite. The Survey results have focused on areas where many of the brethren may have, in the past, thought about only, but now are verbalizing what changes are required in their Valleys to continue to be a positive force for fraternal members to continue their masonic journey. I thank III. Bro. Terry McLean 33° for allowing me to serve as his Deputy so that I might continue my masonic journey and remain steadfast in new knowledge and understanding.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Godfrey, 33° Deputy for British Columbia and Yukon Territory

Report of the Deputy For MANITOBA AND NUNAVUT TERRITORY

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I respectfully submit this, my report as the Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory, on the Valley of Brandon and the Valley of Winnipeg for 2015-2016.

For the jurisdiction as a whole, we continue to support the Grand Lodge of Manitoba's efforts to ensure cooperation and harmony amongst the Masonic Family. Grand Lodge hosts bi-monthly meetings with all concordant bodies, and the Deputy or Active Member attends on behalf of Scottish Rite. These meetings have strengthened fraternal ties within the Manitoba Masonic community.

As part of our support of the Masonic Family, I had the honor and pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the Supreme Council at the following events:

- Installation for the Daughters of the Nile
- Grand Lodge of Manitoba Annual Communication
- Grand Chapter of Manitoba Order of the Eastern Star Annual Session

The Active Member, III. Bro. Al Hadley, 33°, attended a number of events in my absence, often performing double duty as a representative of Scottish Rite and other Masonic bodies.

As in the past number of years the Masonic Family was invited to attend the Lieutenant Governor's New Year Levee at the Manitoba Legislative Building on January 1, 2016, with Her Honour the Honourable Janice Filmon, C.M., O.M., Manitoba's new Lieutenant Governor. We were particularly pleased to see Her Honour continue her predecessor's tradition. We were presented to the Lieutenant Governor, her spouse and the Premier of Manitoba.

We were saddened by the loss of three Honorary Inspectors-General this year – III. Bro. Vern Duke, 33°, III. Bro. Brandon Little, 33° and III. Bro. Irv Jackson, 33°. Their lives and passing are commemorated elsewhere in these proceedings. These men made significant contributions to Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Manitoba and we mourn their loss.

We also mourn the passing of Ruth Murray, wife of Past Active Member III. Bro. Don Murray, 33°. Ruth was a lovely lady and will be sorely missed. We wish Don the best in his new home in British Columbia.

Valley of Brandon

It was my pleasure to visit the Valley of Brandon on three occasions – October 2015, and February and May 2016.

The Valley had the second-highest response rate in Canada to the Membership Survey last year.

Membership

The Valley initiated 2 candidates into the Lodge of Perfection this year. The Valley has been successful in attracting candidates, although some are young military men who are transferred to other Valleys over time.

Communication

The Valley issues a monthly summons, with information on upcoming meetings, degrees and events. The primary method of transmission is by e-mail, although some members still receive hard copies by post. The Valley Secretary is also diligent in providing regular e-mail alerts and updates for matters of interest, or when timing precludes waiting until the next summons.

In last year's membership survey, 100% of respondents reported receiving a communication and 95% reported receiving it in a timely manner.

Leadership

Valley officers serve one-year terms. Because of the small size of the Valley, it is not unusual for officers to repeat chairs as needed. However, the Valley does a good job of involving new members in leadership roles.

The survey results from last year's membership survey showed a great deal of confidence in the Valley leadership. Between 80% and 95% of survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the leadership questions in the survey.

The Valley has had some challenges at the Secretary level in the past two years, with the sudden passing of its long-term Secretary, followed by the departure of his replacement to another province. The Valley responded by splitting the Secretary duties between two brethren, who accepted the responsibility. While communications with members have kept up, the two transition periods resulted in the Valley struggling to meet some filing deadlines.

Fellowship

The Valley holds a number of events, notably a Fish Fry in the Summer that includes families, and a post-Relighting of the Lights breakfast that includes the wives. The Valley had an informal potluck supper in May, in honour of the official visit of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Uniqueness

The Valley supports a scholarship provided to students at the local community college.

Support to the Craft

Valley members have leadership roles in various Craft lodges in Western Manitoba, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and numerous concordant bodies.

Finances

The financial affairs of the Valley are managed responsibly and the financial position of the Valley is expected to be stable in the next 5 years.

General

The Valley of Brandon is a small but dedicated Valley, operating with a high degree of fellowship and fraternal cooperation. Its members maintain close ties to other Masonic bodies and the community.

Over 90% of survey respondents responded that they were Satisfied or Very Satisfied to the statement "Are you a proud Valley member?"

Valley of Winnipeg

I had the pleasure of attending the Valley of Winnipeg on a monthly basis.

The Valley had one of the lowest response rates to the Membership Survey in the country. The respondents were not representative of the membership as a whole and no conclusions can be drawn from the results.

Membership

In 2014-15, the Valley responded to a lack of candidates by holding a Reunion, instead of the monthly degree format usually used. The Valley had not held a Reunion since 1994. The Reunion was very successful, with the Valley conferring the Lodge of Perfection degrees on 29 candidates in November 2014.

While the Reunions were successful from a membership perspective, they were logistically challenging and relied heavily on a handful of members to play key roles in all degrees. The Valley Council has not made a decision on holding Reunions in the future.

With the return to the traditional monthly format, the Valley conferred the Lodge of Perfection degrees on 2 candidates in the Fall of 2015. With the addition of candidates who could not attend the 15° to 32° Reunion in April 2015, the Chapter and Consistory degrees were performed on 5 candidates in the Winter and Spring of 2016.

Valley membership continues to decline through deaths and voluntary departures. The Valley leadership has recognized that the existing membership trend will make it hard to sustain the existing organizational structure and expenditure base in the future.

The Valley did not organize an Open House this year, as the effectiveness of this approach had declined significantly in recent years. The Valley is reviewing membership materials from Supreme Council with the intent of revising its membership program.

Communication

The Valley issues a bi-monthly summons, containing information on upcoming meetings, degrees and social events. The primary method of transmission is by e-mail, although many members still receive hard copies by post. There is also an e-mail distribution system for e-mail alerts and updates on matters of interest, or when timing precludes waiting until the next summons.

Leadership

Valley officers serve one-year terms. In the past it was relatively uncommon for past officers of one body to move through the chairs of the other two bodies, but it has become much more common in recent years. As a result, all three bodies have experienced officers serving in new roles.

Incoming principal officers are responsible for identifying new officers for their respective bodies.

The principal officers for 2016-17 have been given manuals with copies of the Statutes and Regulations, the dispensation process, the Valley by-laws and the official versions of their degrees. It is expected that Valley administration will improve now that officers have a common starting point.

Fellowship

The Valley holds a Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser every January. The Valley also sponsors a Luncheon Group, which has been meeting on the second Wednesday of the month for more than 50 years.

The Valley holds an open joint installation of officers in May, with family, friends and distinguished guests in attendance. In May 2016, the Sovereign Grand Commander attended the joint installation on his Official Visit. The Valley hosted a dinner in his honour prior to the installation.

Uniqueness

Valley administrative affairs are executed through a Valley Council, composed of officers from all three bodies. This arrangement has been in place for years, successful in ensuring that the work of the Valley is planned and executed efficiently and harmoniously.

Support to the Craft

The Valley regularly visits Masonic Lodges, particularly if a Scottish Rite member occupies the Master's Chair.

Valley members have leadership roles in various Craft lodges in Winnipeg, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and numerous concordant bodies.

Finances

While the Valley operates generally on a break-even basis, it experiences financial pressures due to an expenditure base that has not declined in proportion to the membership decline, and the Valley relies on fund-raising to balance its budget.

The Valley Council has re-invigorated its Finance Committee and charged it with examining all expenditures to determine a sustainable level of expenditures. The Valley Council has requested a significant rent reduction from the board of the Manitoba Masonic Centre. Unlike tenant Masonic lodges, the Valley pays rent at a fixed rate. This rate was set when the Valley had four times the membership it currently has. As a result, the effective per capita rate paid by the Valley is more than 50% higher than the per capita rate charged to tenant lodges.

The Valley has been consistently delinquent in filing its AF reports for several years. Responsibility for preparing the reports has been moved from the Executive Secretary to the Finance Committee. While it is hoped that this change will result in better compliance in the future, as of June 1, 2016 the Valley still had not filed its 2015 reports. There is a significant concern that a proper calculation of the Commutation of Dues Trust Fund has not been done for a number of years.

General

The Valley recognizes that it faces systemic issues with membership and finances and has established reviews to address those issues. The Valley continues to perform the ritual with diligence and skill, while providing fellowship and growth opportunities for its members.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Greasley, 33° Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory

Report of the Deputy For NEW BRUNSWICK

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The following is a report of the state of the Rite in New Brunswick.

Communication

The three valleys in New Brunswick use regular notices to inform their members of meetings and special events. Email is being increasingly employed as members become more receptive

to internet communication. As well, we use good old faithful oral communication, but certainly not enough!

Leadership

Each valley has an Advisory Committee which assists the Presiding Officers in planning and programming. Each Committee is comprised of the principal body officers and local HIGs. HIG nominating committees are in place and Degree teams are active. The Perfection and Rose Croix bodies rotate their reunions which produces more interactive involvement between the valleys.

Membership

The decline in membership is continuing. This is true of all masonic bodies in our Grand Jurisdiction. The recent video showing our Foundation's efforts to combat the challenges of the mind has and will help tell our story. However, locally we need to improve our meeting content to encourage our members to attend regularly and become more involved. Presently, some of our members are becoming disenchanted because of our problems recruiting officers and meeting our financial obligations.

Fellowship

There is always a period of fellowship before and after meetings. Moncton held a special evening honouring Robbie Burns complete with "the haggis" in January. Several local pipers and the Dunnett School of Highland Dancers entertained in Moncton in November. An evening of country music was also held. Saint John is planning a pot luck supper to foster more fellowship.

Special Events

A special evening honouring Robbie Burns complete with "the haggis" and an evening of country music were held in Moncton to raise funds for the Moncton Learning Centre.

The Moncton bodies also supported the DeMolay boys both financially and with volunteers assisting with their fundraising at the Atlantic Nationals Car Show. The Moncton Scottish Rite widows were recognized at Christmas. Saint John held its annual Wine and Cheese Party in December which included a silent auction with proceeds going to the Moncton Learning Centre. Chocolates at Christmas and roses at Easter were delivered to the Saint John Scottish Rite widows.

Craft Lodge Liaison

Each valley has expressed a ready willingness to attend any Craft Lodge meeting and present a talk about Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Saint John has designated members in each Craft Lodge in its area to seek out and recruit new members and Moncton is renewing its Liaison Committee. Fredericton also uses face to face communication with Craft Lodge members in a recruitment effort. Scottish Rite Pamphlets are available at some Craft Lodges.

Financial Health

Fredericton addressed its financial position a few years ago by collecting outstanding dues and now is financially stable. Moncton is presently addressing outstanding dues and their financial picture is improving. Saint John is burdened with high rental costs which combined with declining membership has caused a withdrawal from investments to meet expenses. As a result, the financial health of Saint John is a major challenge.

General Comments

Throughout our valleys, the survival and success of each body is dependent on a relatively small group of dedicated members. The effect of age and health is having a noticeable negative impact. Personal contact, active Craft Lodge representatives, interesting energetic

meetings are all ingredients of revitalization. These, together with good financial management are the elements we are pursuing, but progress is slow.

Respectfully submitted,

Chesley R, Piercey, 33° Deputy for New Brunswick

Report of the Deputy For NOVA SCOTIA, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys under my jurisdiction – Halifax and Sydney, NS, Summerside, PEI, St. John's, NL.

Valley of Halifax

Membership

Their membership has declined by 22. Of this number, 3 members were suspended for non-payment of dues, 15 members were issued Demits and 21 (4 HIG's) members passed to the Grand Lodge above. They had 13 new Members join their Valley plus 3 Reinstatements and 1 Affiliation.

Their current Membership numbers (as of March 31, 2016) are: Victoria Lodge of Perfection (294) Keith Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix (289) Nova Scotia Consistory (398)

They made several presentations at a number of Craft Lodges to inform the Brethren of the Scottish Rite and encourage initiation. In addition, several of their Brethren are promoting Scottish Rite within their Lodges to foster interest. A Master Masons Evening was held in Halifax on May 14, 2016 with 12 prospective candidates in attendance, most of whom have filled out an application for initiation in October. They used the Scottish Rite video "The Masonic Journey Continues" as an introduction and Illustrious Brother Kent Clarke, 33° provided some narrative. It was well received by all in attendance. The attendance at meetings and the participation of new members is encouraging.

Communication

Regular Summons of meetings and events are communicated via postal service and e-mails. Minutes of the meetings are distributed via e-mail and hard copies are available at the meetings. The Valley of Halifax web site is also kept up-to-date informing visitors to the site of upcoming events. Also, any Rite activities or items of interest are regularly shared with the Membership.

Leadership

The nominating Committee has endeavored to ask the Brethren who would be interested in serving the Lodge in a succession of Offices. The terms of office are for one year with reelection for a second year. This long-range planning should provide stability and growth within their Lodge. In addition, each Lodge meeting has an educational component (presentation) to stimulate thought and discussion.

Valley Fellowship

A Leadership Seminar was held for the Officers in September, outlining the responsibilities and duties of the Offices. The Valley held a "Ladies Night", Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday and Vesper Service. Following each of their meetings a time of Fellowship and refreshments is enjoyed. Each January they enjoy a "bean supper" and this year it was elevated to a "Bean Experience". I did attend this supper and it was a clamorous social experience.

Uniqueness

The Valley supports the 'Children's Learning Centre' and hosts graduation ceremonies to recognize the achievements of students and staff. An update on the 'Learning Centre' is reported at each of the Lodge meetings and presentations about the Learning Centre have been made in Craft Lodges.

Support to Craft Lodges

Presentations explaining the Scottish Rite are made to Craft Lodges and to concordant bodies.

Financial Health

Their current financial situation is in good health, but with declining membership and increasing costs an increase in Annual Dues was implemented in 2016.

Valley of Sydney

Membership

The Cape Breton Lodge of Perfection (143)

The Isle Royale Chapter of Rose Croix (121)

They were pleased to have candidates in both bodies last year. This influx on new and younger Brothers is an asset to the bodies. Unfortunately, death was a frequent visitor last year and membership suffered a decline.

Communications

Their notices are sent out by e-mail or regular mail and they strive to make the notices informative and thoughtful.

Leadership

In this Valley officers usually serve a one-year term. They are selected by a nominating committee which seeks out Brothers who are willing to commit to serve the Valley.

Fellowship

Although they are currently based in North Sydney they do have meetings in other locations such as Glace Bay and Baddeck. This gives the Brothers in these areas an opportunity to attend the meetings. They are currently studying a larger facility in North Sydney as the current one has proved difficult for degree work.

Uniqueness

I have been advised that their only unique feature is themselves.

Financial Health

In reviewing their financial records, they appear to be in good financial shape.

Valley of Summerside, PEI

Membership

The membership for the Valley of Summerside, PEI as of December 31, 2015 was as follows:

Albert Edward Lodge of Perfection (67)

Gordon L. Bennett Chapter of Rose Croix (62)

Membership is slowing dwindling due to members being called to the Higher Lodge.

They had meetings in April, May, September and October. April and May saw the portrayal of the fourth, fifth and seventh degrees. The Chapter held its Eastertide ceremonies on time. They had a total of four meetings of The Lodge of Perfection and two of The Chapter of Rose Croix. The latter being at Eastertide. Generally, they have a reunion of Chapter in November but the aspirant had not completed his degrees in Lodge to further advance him to Chapter. This prompted a motion that they would no longer portray degrees with less than two aspirants.

Leadership and Succession Planning

The joint meeting of Chapter and Lodge met in October and saw the election of new officers for the ensuing two years (2016 - 2018). Elections are held biannually in October with the installation of Officers at the joint meeting in April.

Fellowship and Unique Charitable Activities

In June of 2015 they held a lobster supper at a well-known establishment in New Glasgow, with the object of raising money for the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. As per usual they topped the previous year's donation by donating \$2,400. In prior years they held a take-out supper but their dwindling numbers put too much strain on the aging membership. They decided to hold a supper with each person paying for their own and donating to the foundation. This has been very successful with the Valley enjoying the status of being in the top number of per capita donations.

Financial Health

Their financial health is very good due to the influx of an endowment of \$35,000 and a previous one of \$3,500. Their dues are not expected to rise and delinquents are in the 10% range.

Valley of St. John's, NL

Membership

The membership of The Valley of St. John's, as of December 31, 2015 was as follows:

Centennial Lodge of Perfection (88) MacGillivary Chapter of Rose Croix (74) Newfoundland and Labrador Consistory (69)

During the course of 2015, 9 Brothers were initiated in the Lodge – 7 completed the 4th to the 7th degrees inclusive; 2 completed the 4th and 5th degrees. Two more Brothers joined the Chapter and were joined by an existing member as they completed the 18th degree. Additionally, a Consistory Reunion, held in November saw 5 Brethren initiated into the Consistory and they were also joined by an existing member as they completed their 32nd degree. The Valley also saw 4 former members rejoin. All of this meant that the Valley of St. John's had an increase in membership.

Communications

During 2015, the Valley held 8 Executive Committee meetings, 7 meetings of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, 6 meetings of the MacGillivary Chapter of Rose Croix and 4 meetings of

the Newfoundland and Labrador Consistory. Average attendance of each of the various bodies was as follows: Executive Committee – 9; Centennial Lodge of Perfection – 27: MacGillivary Chapter of Rose Croix – 27; and Newfoundland and Labrador Consistory – 20. As a note; average attendance is up substantially in both the Lodge and the Chapter (largely due to the new membership joining). With numbers at the Executive Committee and Consistory meetings remaining about the same as last year. E-mail continues to be the main vehicle for Valley Communications. The Executive continues to encourage Brethren to utilize Supreme Council's website. Both the Grand Secretary/Registrar and I, view the recent addition of distributing other Valley notices a plus.

Fellowship and Unique Charitable Activities

This year Easter Services saw an increase in numbers. It was decided to move the relighting of the lights ceremony to the Saturday morning following the Easter weekend and it proved a great move as it resulted in a 25% increase in attendance. It was discovered that many of the Brethren and Widows were able to attend – they normally were out of town on the holiday weekend. It is most likely that this practice will continue.

In October, another successful Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Walk-a-thon was held. The proceeds of which were donated to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. Once again, this year saw 5 more "Scottish Rite Charitable Fellows" honored.

Financial Health

The Valley of St. John's continues to enjoy a healthy financial situation. Actively pursuing dues in arrears has resulted in several members bringing their membership up-to-date and 4 former members returned to the Valley – some of them after a lengthy absence. With membership numbers increasing, the Valley is looking forward to a continued healthy situation.

I would like to express my utmost appreciation to the following Brethren for their assistance in preparing this report.

- 1. Illustrious Brother Frank Gammell, 32°, Grand Secretary/Registrar, Valley of Halifax, NS
- Illustrious Brother Donald MacLeod, 33°, Grand Secretary/Registrar, Valley of Sydney, NS
- 3. Illustrious Brother Robert Stevenson, 32°, Grand Secretary/Registrar, Valley of Summerside, PEI
- 4. Illustrious Brother James H. Rowsell, 33°, Grand Secretary/Registrar, Valley of St. John's, NL

I would also like to express my most sincere thanks and appreciation to the Grand Secretary-General, Illustrious Brother Brian Gilkinson, 33°, COO Illustrious Brother Steven Warren, 33°, Assistant Deputy Illustrious Brother David Hooper, 33°, and Ms. Leslie Drake, Office Administrator, for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Finch, 33° Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador

Report of the Deputy For **ONTARIO (Victor Lepp)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I am pleased to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys under my jurisdiction – Chatham, Guelph, London, Niagara, Sarnia, Windsor and Woodstock.

Along with the Official Visits to each Valley, I was privileged to make a number of fraternal visits, particularly when special functions or social events were happening. It is a pleasure to see the number of inter-valley visitations taking place – for reunions, formal events, special events and social functions.

Valley of Chatham - Established in 1950

Membership

This past year shows a decrease of 24 members in the Lodge of Perfection,13 passed to the Grand Lodge Above, 7 demits and 4 suspensions for a total of 162 members remaining. The Chapter of the Rose Croix has had a decline of 23, with 12 deaths, 6 demits and 3 suspensions resulting in a total of 143 remaining. Chatham holds an information session each September during their annual George Morris Night, which is an informal kick-off to the second half of the Masonic year. For this event invitations are extended not only to Master Masons but non-Masons as well.

Communication

Meeting notices are sent out via post to those members who are not signed up for the electronic version. There is an on-going effort to increase the numbers receiving their mailings electronically. Information is also sent out in newsletter style to keep the members informed. Notices regarding events (deaths, etc.) are sent out as necessary via email.

Leadership

There is a Valley Executive Committee in place that meets twice a year, in May and October, acting as an oversight committee when planning and scheduling larger events such as reunions. Officers have one-year terms, but for continuity purposes, the Executive Committee Chair is in for two years and the Executive Secretary is in for five years. Another important function of the Valley Executive Committee is to monitor the officer line to make certain it is functioning as intended.

A nominating committee is in place for the position of Honorary Inspectors-General. This committee is chaired by a Past Active member. The nominating committee consists of all present Honorary Inspectors-General and usually meets once a year at the call of the chair.

There is also a director responsible for each of the degrees and for setting up the practice sessions for the same.

Education and Enlightenment

After discussing the results of the Supreme Council all-member survey, the Valley chose education as one of the topics they would like to concentrate on. To this end, Chatham has started to put together a description of degrees that they are unable to present during the year and offer this description to the candidates along with the prologue and the lecture.

Valley Fellowship

In May an inter-valley dinner is held with Windsor and Chatham alternating as hosts and with members of Sarnia and London invited to attend.

The George Morris Night is a most enjoyable way to end the summer hiatus and return the focus to the fall meetings. It consists of a casual steak fry and an educational night for invited men to be introduced to the Scottish Rite. The invited group consists of Master Masons as well as men who are interested in Masonry in general.

Uniqueness of Valley

Although there is much that makes the Chatham Valley unique, perhaps the most striking feature is the very special feeling and affinity that the Valleys of Chatham and Windsor have for each other. They install each other's Rose Croix Officers every year and they share an intervalley evening. The Honorary Inspectors-General of each Valley visit back and forth during the year and join in on an August steak barbeque in Windsor and a pre-Christmas dinner in Chatham.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

A member of the Scottish Rite has been identified to be a representative in every lodge in the area. These representatives are there to offer assistance and support to Scottish Rite members in these lodges, as well as to answer questions from non-Scottish Rite members in the lodges and assist those who are interested in joining the Rite. Currently, there is a plan to have an education program in all the lodges regarding the Scottish Rite and what it has to offer.

Financial Health

Through the exercising of financial restraint, the Valley is financially viable for the foreseeable future.

General

The Valley of Chatham is a warm and friendly place to visit. Though small in number, it is an extremely active Valley. Degree work is well-performed and carried out with sincerity. Each does his individual task with expertise and energy.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the members of the Valley and especially to III. Bro. Brian Case for his hard work in the office of Grand Secretary/Registrar and for his assistance in compiling this report.

Valley of Guelph - Established in 1900

Membership

Royal City Lodge of Perfection has a membership of 448 and the Guelph Chapter of Rose Croix consists of 423 members. The Valley gained 2 candidates in the Lodge of Perfection but lost 12 due to death and 4 by withdrawal. In the Rose Croix this year they gained no initiations but lost 11 due to death and 4 by withdrawal.

To assist with informing Craft Lodge members in becoming knowledgeable about Scottish Rite, Guelph invites members of the Craft Lodges to their Open Installation ceremonies as well as to their summer barbeque. They also do presentations on the Rite in Craft Lodges, as requested.

Communication

The Masonic Centre in Guelph has initiated a newsletter to which the Scottish Rite contributes. This helps to emphasize their presence in the masonic community.

Efforts are being made to continually expand email communications (now approximately 30% of the membership), both for the receiving of notices as well as other forms of information. They

are also always willing to work with other Valleys to exchange complimentary candidates and share degree work whenever possible.

Leadership

The Valley Executive as well as the General meetings are held in August and January. This past year, through the unfortunate loss of III. Bro. Ken Rutherford, 33°, considerable restructuring of activities and responsibilities took place. Active III. Bro. Jeff Dickson, 33° and III. Bro. Doug West, 33°, Chair of the Guelph Administration and Valley Meetings have stepped in. Together, utilizing their leadership and direction skills they are working diligently, reorganizing a number of their operations to ensure that the Valley continues to operate as well as possible.

Valley Fellowship

The Annual Barbeque held in August is continuing to grow. To assist members who live a great distance from Guelph, it is usually held in one of the outlying centres. It is receiving greater promotion and invitations are being extended to family and friends. Part of the success is due to hosting it on a Saturday rather than on a week night. Guelph Valley continues to promote fundraising events, often in co-ordination with other bodies.

Education and Enlightenment

At the present time, Guelph Valley is working hard at examining best practices of Valleys who are in the situation of attempting to deliver all the degrees when membership is so geographically separated by considerable distances, but I am certain will come back stronger than ever next year.

Uniqueness of Valley

The Valley of Guelph extends to and includes the shoreline of Lake Huron, the Bruce Peninsula, the shoreline of Georgian Bay, cottage country, timberland, a port city and cities noted for education and research. With this diversity in geography comes the challenge of great diversity amongst its members. One of the very positive strengths of the Valley is their ability to see this for the challenge that it is, envisioning it as an opportunity with great potential.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley is presently working at improving their communications with the Lodges. They respond to all requests for presentations.

Financial Health

Both the Valley and their Masonic Centre of which they are a member, are doing well. The Centre has reduced its fraternal assessment by almost 17%. They are being well served by their knowledgeable financial team.

General

It continues to be a struggle for the Valley to find participants and to improve their ritual in degree work. The Valley is working hard to increase participation in these areas. Working with other Valleys in sharing ritual resources is also very important for their future.

My appreciation and thanks go to III. Bro. John Jeffery and others for their assistance in the preparation of this report.

Valley of London - Established in 1868

Membership

London Lodge of Perfection consists of 1,103 members and London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix has 1,156 which indicates a loss of 76 members from the previous year. The majority of these losses are due to death.

Communication

Valley communications are through the Lodge and Chapter notices issued in January, March, September and October. The London Valley Update, a newsletter, is published in January and July of each year. The Update is intended to keep the members informed of the subjects being discussed by the Lodge and Chapter Officers as well as the happenings in the London Learning Centre. The state of the London Consistory Club is reported to the membership through the Vox Pop newsletter which includes matters concerning the Masonic Hall Company, a company which looks after their masonic home. As space allows, other material intended to provoke reflection on masonic values is included.

Leadership

The Advisory Committee of London Valley consists of Active and Past Active members, presiding officers, secretary and treasurers, as well as chairs of committees. This committee provides oversight and direction to the bodies of the Valley. It also informs the membership of items of mutual concern that are discussed at their meetings. This is accomplished by publishing the results of its deliberations in the Update Newsletter. Standing Committees look after matters such as nominating possible members for receiving the Honourary Inspectors-General rank, to be recipients of the Kingsmill Meritorious Award and for organizing many of the activities in the Valley such as the Consistory Club.

Education and Enlightenment

As a result of the feedback of the all-member survey that was distributed by Supreme Council, the committee selected education as one of the topics to stress and develop in the coming year.

Valley Fellowship

Fellowship bonds are strengthened through shared experiences and London holds many such events. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Golf Classic, the Consistory Club Stag Barbeque, the Family Christmas Gathering and Celebration where the Learning Centre Graduation is celebrated, including the recognition of accomplishments for tutors and children are just some of these events. As well as a Christmas Dinner and summer barbeque for its Supreme Council members further represents their fellowship activities.

Uniqueness of Valley

The London Consistory Club has a lending and distribution program for medical assistive devices to individuals and areas where it can be of use. The Valley also has an award entitled the Kingsmill Meritorious Service Award, named after a father and son who served many years as Almoners. It consists of a large gold lapel pin and framed certificate. The recipient's name is engraved on the back of the pin. Qualifications to become a recipient echo those of the John Ross Matheson Award. The Learning Centre, while not unique to London, makes a significant contribution to a segment of the population in need.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

In January the Valley has a Family of Masonry Luncheon preceding the Open Installation of the Lodge of Perfection. This luncheon includes the wives, family members, non-Masonic guests and members from other Orders. As in so many other cases, individual members are very active both in their Valleys and their Craft Lodges and Districts.

Financial Health

Both bodies have knowledgeable people as treasurers and members of the finance committees. The annual financial statements show that both bodies are in good to excellent health and that monies are spent wisely. For example, in 2014 the Chapter of the Rose Croix was able to provide funding to the Masonic Hall Company (London) Limited to upgrade its HVAC Control system.

General

The strength of the Valley lies in the development of its membership. This development happens through its many social activities and in its consistently presenting excellent degrees.

Unfortunately, and due to the increasing age of its membership, London has experienced a very marked drop in its membership due to deaths over the past few years.

My appreciation and thanks go to III. Bro. James Ford, 33°, Grand Secretary/Registrar of the Valley for his assistance in many matters during the course of the year as well as in preparing this report.

Valley of Niagara - Established in 1923

Membership

As a result of 14 deaths, 2 withdrawals, 4 suspensions and 10 new members, Elgin Lodge of Perfection presently has 413 members. Niagara Chapter of Rose Croix has 364 members due to 13 deaths, 2 withdrawals, 4 suspensions and 6 new members.

Communication

Three very informative summonses are sent out annually, including an attractive booklet for both the Lodge of Perfection Reunion and the Chapter of the Rose Croix Easter Ceremonies. Each member also receives a permanent card at the beginning of the year listing the dates of all the activities (including degrees) that the Valley has planned. This card fits nicely into a wallet and allows each member to have all the pertinent dates constantly with him. A substantial number of members are presently able to receive their notices electronically.

Leadership

One of the leading forces in Niagara Valley is the Valley Executive. The Executive Committee consists of the three principal officers of both bodies, the secretary, treasurer, almoner, degree directors, auditors and any 32° and 33° wishing to attend. It meets three times a year and its function is to make recommendations to be acted upon by both bodies. These functions include Officer progression, financial motions, and other business that impacts on the Valley. The spring meeting is preceded by a dinner. It is at this meeting where the following year's calendar for degree work is established and in general, it is the forum where problems are ironed out and plans are made for the future. Presently, the Executive is encouraging the membership to support the initiative of establishing a Learning Centre in Hamilton.

Education and Enlightenment

After reviewing the results of the Supreme Council every-member survey of their Valley, Niagara decided that they would select education as their focus. To this end, they have started to produce and use introductions for their degrees. These introductions allow candidates to focus in on a degree just before its presentation and also assists them to get a better understanding as they see it performed.

Valley Fellowship

Niagara has an annual, formal Ladies Night in October at a special location (i.e.Skylon Tower) and a pork or steak barbeque in August. Both of these activities include invitations to family and friends.

The Reunions of both bodies are preceded by a formal dinner for the members and candidates, usually includes a guest speaker and allows candidates, members, and guests to meet and greet prior to the formal meeting.

Uniqueness of Valley

Some of the unique features of the Valley include the fact that Niagara performs all the degrees from the fourth to the eighteenth in sequential order. They provide instruction that assists the candidates in connecting the learnings from one degree to the next.

The Officers of Elgin Lodge of Perfection hold office for one year while the Officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix are in for two.

The Valley has established the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Niagara Valley Scholarship Fund" in the Humanities Department at Brock University and it continues to make annual contributions of \$5,000 to enhance this important fund. Niagara Valley has also expanded their Bursary activities to include Niagara College. It also makes substantial donations to the three local Shrine Clubs which they, in turn, use for the Shrine hospitals.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

As in many cases, the members of Niagara Valley are very active in their Craft Lodges. Presently they are involved in setting up a program to use the Membership Video as a presentation in every Lodge to inform the members there of the advantages of membership in the Scottish Rite.

Financial Health

The financial statements and the investment portfolios indicate that the financial health in the Niagara Valley is strong and in the hands of good stewards.

General

Among its many strengths, Niagara Valley is known for its friendship to all who enter through its doors, its financial management, its generosity in benevolence and its participation – whether in the members turn-out for degree presentation, education sessions or social events.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to III. Bro. Ronald Muha, 32°, Grand Secretary/ Registrar for his assistance with the preparation of this report.

Valley of Sarnia - Established in 1966

Membership

Sarnia Lodge of Perfection has 200 members. This past year Sarnia lost 6 members through death, gained 6 members through initiation and lost 12 members through suspension. The 6 members gained were as a result of a Master Mason's night held the previous spring.

Communication

A very detailed and informative notice is sent to the membership electronically and through the mail on a monthly basis. Although this is their major method of communication, emails are used when particular messages are required.

Leadership

The Thrice Puissant Grand Master looks after the degrees and the general management of the Lodge. The Sarnia Scottish Rite Club looks after raising funds for the operation of the Lodge and the benevolence that is practiced. The new Honourary Inspectors-General are elected by a committee of all the present Honorary Inspectors-General.

The Lodge has a strong, vibrant core of Officers and about 30 members are in attendance at all regular meetings.

Individual activities are spear-headed by small groups of individuals who expend much energy in bringing these to fruition.

Education and Enlightenment.

After a review of the Supreme Council Survey of all members, and after careful consideration by the committee present, Sarnia Valley decided to concentrate special effort on giving education a focus in the Valley next year.

Valley Fellowship

In December the Sarnia Scottish Rite Club holds an Annual Christmas Dinner with the ladies. This dinner serves as a fund-raising event for their food drives. In January, the Sarnia Valley celebrated Robbie Burns Night. This was held in Wyoming under the leadership of Michael J. and Michael T. Adams, and was assisted by others with or without Scottish roots. It turned out to be a very successful event even though it was just the second annual. The Sovereign Grand Commander and his wife totally enjoyed the evening.

The Valley also has a Curling Bonspiel that is held at the Forest Curling Club in March and at which \$800 was raised was raised for the Valley.

The Valley also joins with Windsor and Chatham in a spring inter-valley visitation for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

Uniqueness of Valley

There are many unique things about Sarnia, but the one thing that stands out above the others is the Valley's capacity for and willingness to give to others. Through their various fund-raising efforts; such as the Christmas Banquet, Robbie Burns Night, Curling Bonspiel and other efforts, they raise enough money to help several causes. These causes include: two \$500 bursaries each to a college and university-bound student, \$500 each to Lambton County and Sarnia Salvation Army to assist with their food drives at Christmas and \$800 was raised for the Sarnia Valley. Sarnia is also busy planning a "Scottish Rite Week" in November.

Their willingness to help those in need is indeed their hallmark.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Master Mason's night allows Sarnia Valley to join with the Craft Lodges in their district and hopefully assist in inviting some of their members to consider membership in the Scottish Rite.

Financial Health

The financial reports and records of investment indicate that the Valley is in good shape and that those who are responsible for handling the financial affairs are good stewards in these matters.

General

Sarnia is very warm and welcoming place. Despite being small in numbers and widely spread geographically, it is most generous when it comes to giving. This generosity and hard work extends in matters i.e.: how they treat their members, their efforts to deliver good degrees and in welcoming all who enter their doors.

My thanks go to III Bro. Kenneth L. Kreibich, 33° for his assistance with the preparation of this report.

Valley of Windsor - Established 1888

Membership

Windsor Lodge of Perfection membership stands at 387 and Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix at 349. Membership declined slightly. There were 4 members who joined the Lodge of Perfection and 4 who joined the Chapter of the Rose Croix. The Valley lost 15 members through death, and 6 through suspension.

The Valley is trying to improve recruitment through the use of the Supreme Council booklets and membership video.

Communication

The membership is kept well informed through detailed monthly notices as well as emailed summonses. Emails are also used to "fast blast" information to members. These notices are supplemented by the Pelican Newsletter, an exemplary document, featuring articles about the members and what is happening in their lives. It is also used to inform the membership on what is happening in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Leadership

Officers are on a one-year term cycle. The Active and Past-actives are very much involved in the administration and direction of the Valley. In January a breakfast meeting is held with the Honourary Inspectors-General together with the Executive Officers of the Valley to plan and give guidance for the directions for up-coming year.

The Honourary Inspectors-General Committee is involved in a continuous review, assessment and follow-up cycle. They are also involved in creating a database of the membership by collecting and updating biographies of present and past Officers and new members as they join.

Education and Enlightenment

Meetings are now used to provide Scottish Rite history or education. It is now customary for a new member or junior Officer to propose a question related to Valley mechanics or a point of interest about Supreme Council. If possible, the answer is supplied by a knowledgeable member or the answer will be provided at the next meeting after proper research has been completed. The follow-up is done by the person who made the inquiry.

Valley Fellowship

Windsor Valley does a great deal to involve its members socially. These activities consist of a banquet for the ladies, participating in a Chinese New Year social, a fish fry, golf tournament, and so on. These social activities account, to a considerable extent, for the feeling of cohesion among the membership and their families which was apparent in the very successful 100th Anniversary Banquet that was held in April.

Uniqueness of Valley

On December 9, 1887, Palestine Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix were established in Windsor. After struggling for six years, their charter was surrendered in 1893, but on April 29, 1916 several Hundred Scottish Rite masons converged on Windsor and the Windsor Lodge of Perfection was formed with several degrees conferred by the visiting Masons on the first class of 47 candidates. 100 years later they are still very much alive and extremely active. To celebrate this event, the Windsor Valley invited all Scottish Rite Masons of the Erie and Windsor Districts to gather and enjoy a complimentary banquet at the Windsor Masonic Temple.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

Besides providing the Craft Lodges with a speaker's bureau, the Valley uses the support of a professional accounting firm and shares this with them as well.

Financial Health

Excellent. Windsor Valley uses a professional investment firm to manage their financial portfolio with regard to the Valley approved Financial Strategy and Goals. Financially, the Valley continues on a stable path, however, in the long term, there are some challenges. This will be as the result of the dropping numbers in the reunion classes as well as the fact that the average age of the membership is now over 70.

General

The Windsor Valley was pleased and honoured to act as the host for the 2015 Supreme Council session. III. Bro. John C. Revell, 32° assumed the responsibilities of the local general Chairperson and did so in an excellent manner.

The Valley also sponsors the Essex-Windsor Chapter of DeMolay Boys.

My thanks and sincere appreciation goes out to III. Bro. Pat Chartier, 33°, Grand Secretary/Registrar for the Windsor Valley for all his assistance in preparing this report.

Valley of Woodstock - Established in 1955

Membership

Woodstock Lodge of Perfection membership presently stands at 325 which is down from 334 from the previous year. Centennial Chapter of Rose Croix currently has 266 members down from 275. The median age of the Woodstock membership is 68 and the Valley averages approximately 4 new members per year.

In order to remain viable for the long term, Woodstock Valley predicts it will require a minimum of 5 members per year. Unfortunately, at the present rate of attrition it appears that in 20 years the membership will be down to approximately 205 in the Lodge of Perfection and 160 in the Rose of Perfection. The Valley believes that they will be financially viable for at least that long. To counteract this, Master Mason Nights are being held once or twice each year in different parts of the Valley. The members of the Rite also tend to be the backbone and driving force in the Craft Lodges of the area and this will hopefully also help to attract new members.

Communication

Communication in the Valley is primarily through the notice. It is an extremely well-produced document that includes all the necessary information required and is displayed in a most artful manner. Of special note is the notice for the Rose Croix Easter Ceremonies.

An extensive email list is used to reach out to the membership on a regular basis.

Leadership

Although offices are intended to be for a one-year term, Officers will sometimes spend two years in the office due to the shortage of Officer candidates. Their new Committee on Guidance and Improvement is working hard to improve participation, succession planning, and Officer nominations to alleviate these situations. Despite these difficulties the Officer and degree work is always performed extremely well.

Education and Enlightenment

Present education is an on-going activity but not as frequently as desired. A work that is still in progress.

Valley Fellowship

The Annual Curling Bonspiel, the Ladies Night, the Open Installation along with the dinner continue to be a successful time of fellowship for the members.

Uniqueness of Valley

Emphasis in the Valley is on degree work rather than other activities. All of the degrees from the Fourth to the Eighteenth are portrayed on an annual basis. This has the effect of keeping their members involved and degrees being performed at a very high level. One of the special features is the Thirteenth Degree, where due to staging constraints, the cavern scene is presented very effectively in the form of a radio play.

Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

An annual barbeque is held at the Lodge Hall in Innerkip in July. Members of Craft Lodges as well as members of the community attend this event, resulting in wonderful time of fellowship.

There are Scottish Rite representatives in every Craft Lodge. There are also times when small committees visit the lodge and discussions will be held. Occasionally the Scottish Rite members will form a degree team to present in the Lodge. Ultimately, the Rite members continue to be the backbone of all the Craft Lodges in the area.

Financial Health

The Valley operates on a Life Membership system. At the present time, the Valley appears to be in good shape. Current investments will be sufficient to ensure financial stability for 20 more years and through continued good management, the Valley should be financially sound for the future.

General

The Valley has many strengths and not the least of which is the manner in which the degrees are performed. It is a very friendly Valley and generous in their benevolence. Their kindness is portrayed in the true Masonic spirit, demonstrated in their treatment of each other.

My appreciation and thanks go to III. Bro. Don Pratt, 33° for his assistance whenever needed and particularly for his assistance with this report.

In Closing

I express my thanks and appreciation to the Grand Secretary-General, III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, and to the Supreme Council staff in the persons of III. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, Executive Secretary, Ms. Leslie Drake and Mrs. Lucy Berthoud for all your assistance throughout this entire year.

As a final word, I would like to say what a joy it has been to serve our Scottish Rite as Deputy for Ontario. It has afforded me the privilege of meeting and working with some of the most wonderful people in this great country. I thank the Valleys for which I have responsibility for their warm reception and kind friendship. As a member of the Scottish Rite, I have always been proud of all that we strive to attain. Now I have an even deeper appreciation of that fact. I thank you.

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Victor Lepp, 33° Deputy for Ontario	
Respectfully submitted,	

# Report of the Deputy For **ONTARIO (David A. Bennett)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I'm pleased to present the following report on the state of AASR in the Valleys of North Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay during the period of October 2015 thru May 2016.

During my first year as Deputy I wish to thank all the brethren in Northern Ontario for the courtesies extended to me during the year. It has been a pleasure renewing acquaintances and meeting many new friends during my visits. As I have had the opportunity of discussing the Scottish Rite National Survey with all four Valley Executive Committees a common theme continued to surface. We are pleased to see the results of the new membership video and are anxious to impart this valuable resource during Master Mason's Nights (Sudbury has already completed one such evening very successfully). We are fully cognizant that our members are searching for more Masonic education and a fuller understanding of our Rite and Masonry in general. We are pleased with the efforts taking place by the Education and Enlightenment Committee and look forward to the implementation of "fireside chats" and lectures delving into the full meaning of each of our degrees. We are proud of our fine nucleus of "active members" in each of the Valleys and are striving to ensure all our members are getting the most out of their involvement in Scottish Rite Masonry thru proper mentorship and communication to be committed and engaged in the work of their respective Valleys. This is particularly a goal set forward for our younger members to ensure the support and continued growth of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in our area. Further, it is a common goal to increase participation thru social and fund raising events thus involving family and friends for a better understanding of our mission for together everyone accomplishes more (T.E.A.M.)!

It was also a pleasure for me to witness excellent degree work done in all the Valleys with dignity and feeling. Congratulations to all who partook in the casts and those who worked behind the scenes!

On a sad note we lost a number of brethren over the year. We miss their presence, mourn their passing and thank them for their leadership, dedication to our Rite and participation in their respective Valleys.

# Valley of North Bay

# Membership

Lodge of Perfection (562) Rose Croix (686)

The Valley welcomed 4 Rose Croix members to its ranks during the fall reunion. It was indeed a pleasure to have the 17th degree portrayed this year by the exceptional cast from Barrie. We look forward to having the Sudbury 17th degree team back next year. The Lodge of Perfection reunion held May 6 & 7 initiating a class of 6. The Valley is pleased to announce that III. Bro. Rene Carlson, 33° has come to the rescue as the new Grand Secretary to alleviate work related pressures placed on our Grand Registrar III. Bro. Jacques Lacourse, 32°. Along with a strong executive committee and renewed fund raising efforts the Valley of North Bay is on the right track. In addition, it was a pleasure for me to welcome III. Bro. Jervis Weir, 33° after receiving his 50-year pin and certificate as a member of the AASR (more on this in the Sudbury and District Valley report). III. Bro. Weir was a luncheon head table guest at the spring reunion, entertaining all with his personal take on freemasonry and his desire for all to strengthen the craft by mentoring new members. The luncheon guest speaker was III. Bro. John Harrison, 33° Active Member of Supreme Council and Barrie Learning Centre Board member. He gave us an enlightening talk of the challenges and successes of this very worthwhile venture in Barrie and its satellite operation in Bracebridge.

# **Valley of Sudbury and District**

# Membership

Lodge of Perfection (277)

I had the opportunity of attending the Installation of Officers, Executive meeting to discuss the national survey (as mentioned above) and their reunion in April. In addition to the afore mentioned, excellent work was done by the Sudbury casts, the class of 2016 featuring 6 candidates were treated to an exceptional portrayal of the 8th degree by a cast from the Barrie Valley comprised largely of Bracebridge area members. As previously mentioned it was a pleasure to assist TPGM Casey Stranges, 14° and MWS Raymond Meadows, 33 ° from the Valley of North Bay to present III. Bro. Weir, 33° with his 50-year pin and certificate from Supreme Council during their 40th reunion.

III. Bro. Weir, 33°, a charter member of the Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection, recounted a number of fond memories and his belief in the lessons learned during his years as a Mason. Following the reunion, we were treated to a fine evening of fellowship with our ladies at a scrumptious banquet.

The Sudbury Valley also enjoys fellowship centered around the task of sausage making. All reports indicate fun is had by all who participate and it is a financial success with a number of batches made annually. They are currently preparing for the 2nd annual pig roast which is fast becoming a "must attend event" on their social calendar.

Many thanks to III. Bro. David Bell, 33° and his wife Barbara for opening their house to Aurore and I during our stay!

# Valley of Sault Ste. Marie

# Membership

Lodge of Perfection (129) Rose Croix (137)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank III. Bro. David Bell, 33° and III. Bro. Paul Ashley, 33° for accompanying me on my trip to Sault Ste. Marie in March. We appreciated the opportunity to dine and meet with some of the Brethren on the Friday evening to discuss results of the Membership Survey, Valley concerns and improvement planning. With a concerted effort and increased enthusiasm, I believe progress will be made to strengthen the membership and the commitment to its smooth and profitable operation.

Six Candidates were welcomed into the Chapter of the Rose Croix on Saturday, March 5. Upon conclusion of the degrees the Scottish Rite Membership video was shown. It appeared to be well received and I'm confident it will enhance awareness of our Rite and increase membership in the Valley of Sault Ste. Marie.

# Valley of Thunder Bay

# Membership

Lodge of Perfection (215) Rose Croix (196) Consistory (196)

Let me first begin by thanking former Deputies Maurice Hrycyk, 33° and Marvin Salmi, 33° for their guidance and support. I am pleased to welcome III. Bro. Bill Davis, 33° as an active member of Supreme Council. Thanks also to their Grand Secretary David Dasti, 33° for his diligence in organizing my first visit to the Valley of Thunder Bay. My wife Aurore and I were pleased to accompany our Sovereign Grand Commander III. Bro. Terry A. McLean and his wife Bonnie on the trip. We were treated to tremendous hospitality throughout the weekend and a terrific banquet (in which the SGC gave an eloquent address) following the conferral of degrees on Saturday during which 4 candidates were received into the Thunder Bay Lodge of Perfection.

The SGC lead the discussions regarding the National Survey on Friday evening which garnered much interest and questions. On a sad note the SGC was planning to present a 50-year pin and certificate to III. Bro. Andrew Ferguson, 33°. However, he passed away earlier in February just prior to his 100th birthday.

The Thunder Bay Valley is pleased to report they raised over \$2,000 for the SRCF.

May I also take this opportunity to thank GSG III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, COO III Bro. Steve Warren, 33° and Leslie Drake for all their guidance, patience and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Bennett, 33° Deputy for Ontario

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# Report of the Deputy For ONTARIO (Gareth R. Taylor)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I am pleased to report on the state of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys of Barrie, Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, Peterborough and Toronto.

We were saddened by the passing of those Brethren whose names are inscribed in the Obituary records of these proceedings. We miss their presence at our gatherings and remember and honour their contributions to the Fraternity.

# **Valley of Barrie**

## Membership

Membership in the bodies in the Valley of Barrie stand at 1,361, a decrease of 15 for the Lodge of Perfection, 1,267, a decrease of 19 for the Chapter Rose Croix and 1,484, for the Consistory a decrease of 15. These decreases reflect the increasing age of the Valley membership.

Spry Chapter of Rose Croix held the Easter Ceremonies at 7 locations (Barrie, Bracebridge, Newmarket, Orillia, Owen Sound, Parry Sound and Stayner) throughout the jurisdiction.

The Valley holds an Annual Masons Day which has proven to be very successful.

#### Communication

The Valley continues to increase the use of email and other technologies to reach its membership. Currently the Valley sends correspondence electronically to 625 members. They are using various types of notices including e-summons, website, Facebook page, newsletter and educational material at reunions as communication vehicles.

The TRIANGLE, the newsletter for the Barrie Valley, is now in its 9th year of publication is published twice a year and continues to be an excellent publication. The stories and photos publicize the activities and messages of the Rite to members in distant communities throughout the Valley's jurisdiction. In addition, the Valley of Barrie website

(http://barrievalleyscottishrite.com/) continues to be an excellent source of information along with the use of social media through a Valley Facebook page. The Valley holds a joint Advisory meeting each January in conjunction with the Installation of Officers; the Barrie, Muskoka and Victoria Scottish Rite Clubs meet several times a year for education and fellowship; a Fireside Chat sponsored by the Barrie Scottish Rite Club was very successful; Educational material is provided at all Reunions and on the Valley website.

III. Bro. Robert Brethour publishes periodic reports on the activities in the Valley of Barrie.

## Leadership

The Valley Trustees serve as the executive for the Valley; Officers serve one year terms; the Succession Planning Committee assists in filling positions in various departments and committees. The Valley also utilizes a 3-year forward planning model for Officers and a Degree Directors Workshop planned.

# **Valley Fellowship**

The Valley of Barrie is active with a number of events.

These include the annual pig roast held in August and the annual 33rd meeting and dinner which includes the widows.

There are now Cloverleaf Visits taking place with both Sudbury and Toronto. Other social events include the annual Learning Centre Graduation Ceremony, the annual Masons Day and the three Scottish Rite Clubs (Barrie, Muskoka & Victoria).

## **Uniqueness of Valley**

A very active Education Committee provides educational information and material via a variety of sources. The Valley of Barrie is spearheading an effort to start a DeMolay Chapter in Barrie.

## Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

There are a total of six 3rd Degree Teams around jurisdiction –very active – very successful.

#### **Financial Health**

From the information provided the Valley of Barrie appears to be in good financial condition.

#### General

Valley of Barrie members are very active in supporting various fundraising initiatives – particularly for the Barrie Learning Centre.

The Valley has a very supportive group of HIGs.

The Valley should be commended for the new initiatives of the Barrie Scottish Rite Club and an Education Program. Both of which are proving to be very successful.

Valley HIGs continue strong support of Supreme Council with their attendance of the Sessions.

Special thanks for III. Bro. Robert Brethour, 33°, Grand Marshall, Active Member and III. Bro. John E. Harrison, 33°, Active Member for their continued support.

# Valley of Hamilton

# Membership

The trends in membership established in the Valley of Hamilton over the last several years seem to be continuing. Murton Lodge of Perfection initiated 30 candidates compared to 27 last year. The Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix initiated 25 candidates. This compares to 31 candidates last year. Moore Sovereign Consistory initiated 122 candidates and restored 2 candidates this year compared to 120 candidates initiated last year. Happily, in terms of additions to the membership role, the upward trend has continued other than for the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix.

In terms of overall membership numbers deaths, withdrawals and suspensions continue to take their toll. Murton Lodge of Perfection lost 66 members, Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix lost 51 members and Moore Sovereign Consistory lost 402 members. Particularly in the case of Consistory, we continue to play "catch up" in terms of recording membership losses over the last number of years.

The Valley of Hamilton has lost a number of long time 33rd degree members over the last two years in the persons of III. Bros. George M. Calder, William G. Lister, John D. Livingstone, Duncan J. McFadgen, Gerald E. Postill, Richard G. Skinner and George G. Wilkes. All of these brethren played an important role in Masonry in general and the Valley of Hamilton in particular. They will all be sorely missed. Interestingly, III. Bro. John D. Livingstone celebrated his 103rd birthday prior to his passing.

#### Communication

The Valley issued two "Valley Talk" newsletters this year under the direction of editor John E. Thombs.

The Valley of Hamilton has undertaken a very important project to develop a state of the art, interactive website for the Valley. This project is being spearheaded by Ill. Bros. Allard Loopstra and George Benton. Ill. Bro. Rory Jones has agreed to act as Editor-in-Chief. The development process is well underway and it is anticipated that the website will prove to be an invaluable communications tool for existing and prospective members of the Valley of Hamilton.

The process of E-mail conversion continues apace. There have been test E-mailings of official communications for the last two reunions and the conversion process to the permanent E-mail system is now well underway. The ready availability of E-mail addresses is an essential part of the communication protocol that is being developed in conjunction with the new website. These

developments are very exciting and both the website and E-mail conversion will result in huge savings for the Valley.

# Leadership

The Valley of Hamilton operates with two-year terms for Officers and installations were held in January of this year for all three bodies. We wish the newly installed officers much success during their term of office. The Hamilton Valley Advisory Committee, comprised primarily of the three senior officers of the three bodies, met several times throughout the year and continue to work together for the betterment of the Valley.

## **Valley Fellowship**

The 33rds in the Hamilton Valley held their annual Christmas dinner on Friday December 4, 2015. Seventy-one brethren, spouses and widows attended the dinner and a wonderful time was had by all. As always, jolly old St. Nick visited the Valley of Hamilton very early in the Christmas season on December 5 for Breakfast at the Rite. As always, the attendance by Masons and Non-Masons alike as well as their children and grandchildren was over three hundred people.

The Valley of Hamilton held its annual Golf Tournament on Saturday June 27, 2015 at Carlisle Golf and Country Club. Over forty golfers arrived with every intention to play golf but once again, the weatherman was most uncooperative and the tournament was rained out for the second year in a row. Despite these problems, over \$5,000 was raised for the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation and a good time was had by all. The tournament this year will be held on June 11, 2016. We are not going to make any predictions about the weather as doing so seems to bring bad luck.

The annual dinner of the officers of Murton Lodge of Perfection and their spouses was held on June 12, 2015 at the Erie Beach Hotel in Port Dover. The Erie Beach is a Mecca for lovers of perch and pickerel. As always, the dinner was well attended and nobody left hungry. This year's dinner will be held on Friday, June 3, 2016.

The Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix held its annual picnic at the home of Richard and Barbara Skinner on Saturday June 6, 2015. Sadly, as we noted earlier, Rick passed away very suddenly in September. This year, the picnic will be held on June 18. Barbara Skinner has very graciously agreed to host it once again.

# **Uniqueness of Valley**

The Officers of each body serve 2-year terms in each position. The other unique feature is Moore Sovereign Consistory which is the Consistory home for over 10 Valleys in Ontario.

# Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley held another open house on Wednesday March 30, 2016. The target audience was Master Masons but there were many other guests in attendance. Ill. Bro. Ken Adamson acted as the Master of Ceremonies. The new Supreme Council Membership Video was used for the first time and was very well received.

#### **Financial Health**

From the information provided the Valley of Hamilton appears to be in good financial condition.

#### General

At the Annual Session of Supreme Council held in Windsor in September 2015, three brethren from the Hamilton Valley became Honorary Inspectors-General in the persons of Ill. Bros. Victor J. Abraham, Gary W. Magwood and Thomas R. Marshall. Four brethren have been nominated to receive their 33rd Degree in St. John's this year. Those so honoured are Ill. Bros. Frederick

J. Allan, D. Kenneth Laliberte, John L. MacPherson and David H. Pedlar. Our congratulations are extended to all these brethren.

The Valley of Hamilton has three Active Members of Supreme Council, Ill. Bros. Allard B. Loopstra, Grand Chancellor, Robert S. Whitmore, Lieutenant Grand Commander and Victor Lepp, Deputy for Ontario. Once again, we thank them for their ongoing dedication and contribution to the Valley. We look forward to the upcoming year with great anticipation.

# **Valley of Kingston**

# Membership

Membership in the Kingston Valley continues to decline as unfortunately, deaths and demits outpace the number of new members joining.

The Lodge of Perfection has 197 members, 7 new ones this year but 5 deaths, 2 withdrawals and 3 suspensions for a decline of 3. While the Chapter of Rose Croix has 167 members, 7 new members, 5 deaths, 1 withdrawal and 2 suspensions for a decrease of 1.

#### Communication

The main form of communication is the regular notice of meetings. The Valley is beginning to make use of email to send out these notices in an effort to reduce costs.

## Leadership

The Valley of Kingston has a very effective leadership committee which manages the finances, bylaws and the nomination of offices for both bodies. In the future this committee may look at setting up a web page, interacting with craft lodges to attract new members and office development programs which are areas that they are currently weak in.

# **Valley Fellowship**

The regular visit to Brockville and Belleville were once again a great success. These evenings are well attended and well enjoyed. A Ladies Night was also held this year.

## **Uniqueness of Valley**

One unique quality in the Valley is that they move between Brockville, Belleville and Kingston to do degree work. The trip to Brockville in the spring is very successful and they are working to make the fall trip to Belleville as equally successful.

## Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley has tried to attract new membership by participating in Lodge open houses. So far they have done one this year and hopefully more in the fall. This is an area the Valley needs to be more active in.

#### **Financial Health**

Financially, Kingston Valley is in good shape. There is no need to increase dues and a very good banquet can be provided at all regular meetings at minimal cost.

#### General

In closing Kingston Valley like other Valleys is facing a lot of challenges. We feel that they have the ability and resources to identify, address and overcome these challenges. Special thanks to III. Bro. John Trousdale, 33° Active Member Grand Standard Bearer and to III. Bro. Donald R. Thornton 33° Past Active Member for their continued support.

# Valley of Ottawa

# Membership

The Valley continued to see modest loss in membership. Lodge membership stood at 372 (385 last year), Chapter at 353 (368) and Consistory 432 (446). There were five demits, compared with 11 last year, one suspension (7 in 2015) and 24 deaths (10), so the Valley lost 30 members in 2016. The class this year was relatively small at six, compared with 16 last year, for a net total loss of 24. Again this year the Valley held an open Allegory and invited Masons, their friends and family to join us for a light lunch beforehand. We served 120 at lunch and the gallery was about 75 per cent full. As well as the Allegory, Master Masons heard a brief description of Scottish Rite Masonry and an appeal to take away an application form. Our Scottish Rite degree team was active again this year, creating opportunities to showcase Scottish Rite Masonry in Valley lodges.

#### **Communications**

An electronic newsletter was launched this year called Around the Rite and put out four issues between September and early May. It has been well received and provides an opportunity to show members what is happening in their Valley. It relies heavily on pictures to illustrate the activities but the newsletter also carries text on issues of interest. Valley members recorded high marks for communication in the membership survey taken over the summer. We continued to send out electronic reminders of upcoming meetings, as well as mailing out summonses for Lodge, Chapter and Consistory. We distribute electronically to about half our membership to save mailing costs and continue to appeal to the other half to give us their e-mail addresses.

# Leadership

The Executive Committee continues to work well and encourages members who are not formally part of it to attend and make their voices heard. The Valley Renewal subcommittee of the EC continues to explore new ideas to keep the Valley healthy and active. They hope to introduce a welcome back BBQ in September for members and prospective members. The Valley 33rds Association remains active with an annual meeting, a summer picnic and a fall dinner. HIGs in the Valley of Ottawa are among the most active and effective members and we rely heavily on them. A process has been formalized of approaching class members to take offices and/or parts in degrees so that each new 32nd gets equal encouragement to get involved.

# **Fellowship**

Each of the three bodies holds a banquet in connection with major degrees—the 14th for Lodge, Maundy Thursday for Chapter and the 30th, 31st,32nd degrees and Allegory for Consistory. We plan an additional banquet for the 18th degree in 2017 to coincide with a visit by the Sovereign Grand Commander. As noted above, we want to try a fall BBQ this year to coax people back to Scottish Rite. We also increased our visiting to other Valleys. In addition to the annual visit to the Valley of Kingston for the 12th degree in Brockville, we had small delegations visit Barrie and Montreal this year.

# **Uniqueness of Valley**

The Valley of Ottawa is keenly aware that we face the same challenges that bedevil Scottish Rite Masonry across Canada. Our Renewal Committee is our response as we seek any and all means to show that the Valley is healthy and active. Our communications efforts are an important part of that. So is trying to enhance our social activities and our efforts in Masonic education. The difficulty is sometimes finding willing hands to put ideas into action, but we have found the more active we are, the more interest and energy we generate. There is no single activity that will solve our problems but there are a host of things we can try that will help. Unfortunately attendance at degrees and meetings continues to dwindle.

# Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Open Allegory and the AASR Degree Team as the major vehicles to reach out to our craft lodges. We are keenly aware that these lodges are our main source of applicants for future classes.

# **Financial Health**

From the information provided the Valley of Ottawa appears to be in good financial condition.

#### General

The rejuvenation of the Valley of Ottawa that has been seen in the last several years continues. The efforts to reach out to Craft Lodges, the Renewal Committee and the support from the HIGs of the Valley are to be commended.

Special thanks to III. Bro. Alan Arbuckle, 33° Active Member for his support and efforts promoting the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Ottawa.

# Valley of Peterborough

# Membership

Membership has declined over the last year. Twenty-one candidates received conferral of the 4th degree and one joined the Valley through affiliation. Thirty-eight of our members died, two withdrew from membership and seven were suspended for a total loss of fifty-seven and a net loss of thirty-five. Total membership now stands at 687.

Membership initiatives include a continuing program of holding Master Masons Nights, the conferral of craft lodge degrees on request and attendance in craft lodges to present education regarding the Scottish Rite and this Valley.

#### Communication

The Valley communicates through the use of meeting notices, mailings to members and contributions to the Clarion and/or the Communique. The website is out of date and inactive but will be refreshed in the near future.

Darian Bacon, the Valley representative to Supreme Council's Communication Committee has been active. Photos and an article on the Sovereign Grand Commander's Official Visit to the Valley were submitted and he has covered the Master Masons Night and is in the process of producing items for publication.

Emails are used extensively within the leadership groups including officers and members of Supreme Council. Several meetings of the latter group have taken place over past months on a project to completely revise the Valley by-laws and establish a structure that not only describes Valley committees but also requires detailed action and the communication of committee activities to the membership.

#### Leadership

Officer terms are limited to one year with an annual installation occurring in November. The Administrative Council was formed several years ago to provide a transparent structure of leadership understandable to all members, an opportunity for those interested to take personal steps to eventually participate in the Valley's leadership and to provide a training platform for upcoming TPGMs and MWSs in the administration needs of the Valley. Response to the open invitation to attend its meetings has been disappointing and some comments in the national membership survey regarding small groups running Valleys requires more concerted education of the membership of the opportunities that await their decision to become more involved in the Valley's activities.

Valley officers have become more pro-active in attending the reunions of their sister constituent bodies and in encouraging degree cast members to remain for the entire reunions of both bodies. A closer fellowship has resulted from this focus.

Those seeking leadership/officer positions are provided with a publication entitled the "Expectations of Officers" so the responsibilities are clear and their decision to proceed can be fully informed.

Many aspects of encouraging active and involved leadership will be introduced with the anticipated approval of a new slate of by-laws for the Valley.

# **Valley Fellowship**

This aspect of Valley life received an early boost with the Official Visit of our Sovereign Grand Commander in November, the first Official Visit of his term of office. Fellowship was enjoyed by Scottish Rite Masons, Craft Masons and their ladies at this banquet event. It provided an excellent opportunity for all to honour III. Bro. McLean, 33°, a man well known through his extensive involvement as a leader in Craft Masonry and in the Scottish Rite. The involvement of all Masons also allowed an opportunity to display the fellowship of the Rite's Valley membership to those who might be considering furthering their Masonic journey.

The annual Valley golf tournament is also an opportunity for Masons and non-Masons alike to experience our fellowship as funds are raised in support of the Barrie Learning Centre. This is also an event open to ladies. It draws regularly duffers from the Valleys of Peterborough, Barrie, Hamilton and beyond. The participation of some members who do not golf is especially appreciated.

The annual Ladies Night involving members of Supreme Council took place at Eganridge Golf and Country Club last fall. It was enjoyed by all, as was the annual meeting of the Supreme Council group held recently.

Some may not think of attendance at the Annual Session as Valley fellowship, however, the Valley has a dedicated and growing group of Supreme Council members that commit to attending the session and participating in a hospitality meeting wherein they attempt to educate the Active member, with mixed results.

The annual Master Masons Night presents another opportunity for fellowship that involves the exposure of the Valley to non-members. Twenty-five potential candidates, along with many members of the Valley attended this event, held on May 9, 2016. The agenda included a mix and mingle period, a dinner, the viewing of the new Membership video, brief explanations of the Valley constituent bodies and the degree excerpts to be portrayed, their portrayal, an excellent address by Ill. Bro. Robert Brethour, 33° and some brief closing remarks. The enthusiasm of all but particularly the Master Masons was evident and although it was specifically described as a no pressure information session, some submitted applications before they left at the conclusion of the evening.

# **Uniqueness of Valley**

Fellowship also entailed attending the Consistory reunions in both Barrie and Hamilton. We have among our leadership group members who routinely attend these reunions in support of candidates and Valley representatives or officers. As an example, eleven of our members received conferral of the Consistory degrees in Hamilton at its spring reunion, a number that ranked as the second most and matched that of the Hamilton Valley. These opportunities to share the wonder of further light with the candidates is good for both them and existing members. It creates ambassadors in the craft lodges for the experience offered by the Scottish Rite. The proximity of this Valley to two excellent consistories creates a split in our consistory

membership that enhances, rather than diminishes, the experience of our brethren. It presents opportunities for increased visitation and for the interchange of ideas regarding many aspects of Valley life.

# Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley encompasses four Masonic districts. We have representatives in all of the craft lodges. Announcements and printed material concerning the Scottish Rite are provided in their meetings. The Valley has a degree team that has conferred three degrees in craft lodges over the past Masonic year. In addition, a presentation concerning the Scottish Rite has been made in two Craft Lodges whose meeting date conflicts with our Master Masons Night. Both initiatives have also produced new members for the Valley. Like all Scottish Rite Masons in the province of Ontario, we are permitted to wear our membership jewel in the lodges. We look forward to the day when our Scottish Rite brethren in other Grand Lodge jurisdictions can wear the jewel, not only at Scottish Rite functions, but in their craft lodges as well.

#### **Financial Health**

From the information provided the Valley of Peterborough appears to be in good financial condition.

#### General

The Valley of Peterborough has a very enthusiastic group of HIGs who support the work of the Valley. It is encouraging to see the classes gradually increasing in number along with the very successful Master Mason nights.

Special thanks to III. Bro. Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° Active Member from the Valley of Peterborough for his support.

# **Valley of Toronto**

# Membership

In the last year, there were 50 new members of the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection and 54 new members of the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix. The membership count for the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection currently stands at 1,959 and the Toronto Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix at 1,629. Overall membership increased slightly this year.

The Annual Master Mason evening held in May is now in its 15th year. It has proven to be an invaluable asset as part of the membership recruitment initiative of the Valley.

We specifically note the passing of III. Bro. John Vincent Lawer, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander. John's legacy in the Valley and across our Fraternity will be greatly missed.

#### Communication

The Valley continues to actively pursued the use of electronic distribution of Summons and other notices to its membership. Email addresses are now available for over 42% (816 members) of the Valley. In addition, all members that the Valley has email addresses for receive a reminder of the upcoming degrees. This has proved to be quite successful.

The Valley of Toronto continues to produce the *Toronto Valley News* in the Spring and Fall with III Bro. Terry Sleightholm, 33° as the Editor.

The Valley of Toronto continues to utilize its website (www.valleyoftoronto.com) including a calendar system with the degree and rehearsal dates available.

# Leadership

The Valley has an Officer Nominating Committee and extensive participation of Active and Past Active members of Supreme Council.

The HIGs are engaged in the Valley through the Advisory Council which meets twice a year. This has proved to be a useful forum for a variety of workshops and other activities.

Valley Officers serve 1-year terms.

# Valley Fellowship

Last June the 33° Brethren of the Valley of Toronto gathered for a very special evening with their Ladies to introduce those who will be honoured at Supreme Council in September. There are over 90 in attendance for the evening which is highlighted by the entertainment.

On October 15, 2015 a reception for the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33° was held at the Credit Valley Golf and Country Club.

Last year Premiere Productions Ottawa created a unique concert performance, presented in German but with a special, innovative twist. Assisted by III. Bro. Alan Douglas Arbuckle, 33°, an English narration was especially prepared to chart the Masonic mysteries hidden throughout the story, from Papageno's shenanigans through Tamino's and Pamina's trial by water, fire, and air; demonstrating how Mozart and Schikaneder set forth in operatic terms, the various steps Masonic initiates take on their journey towards enlightened understanding. It was titled Mozart's Masonic Journey.

On January 28 and 30, 2016, The Toronto Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix remounted this production at the York Masonic Temple, 1100 Millwood Road, Toronto to coincide with its Ballot Night. It featured an exceptional cast of accompanists and soloists, including Ill. Bro. John Forster, 32° Commander-in-Chief of the Ottawa Consistory, and narrator Ill. Bro. David Traves, 32°. The performance was open to the public, and marked the 225th anniversary of the premiere of 'The Magic Flute', and the 260th anniversary of Mozart's birth – January 27, 1756.

The Oshawa Scottish Rite Club, composed of members from the Toronto Valley continues with their tradition of holding a Strawberry Social in the spring and a Turkey Supper in the fall. These very pleasant events attract Masonic brethren and their ladies from across Southern Ontario.

The Valley continues to have special recognition of members who have achieved 25 years, 50 years and 60 plus years in Scottish Rite Freemasonry. This takes place at the 14th Degree in January and the May Lodge of Perfection Reunion.

For many years the Valley of Toronto has portrayed the 21st Degree at Moore Sovereign Consistory and the Barrie Consistory every second year. The Valley has also portrayed the 31st degree Drama in Moore Sovereign Consistory. This year inter-valley visitation was extended with the Valley of Barrie portraying the 12th degree in Toronto in December and the Valley of Toronto portraying the 17th Degree at the Spry Chapter Reunion in March. These coverleaf degrees were well received in both Valleys.

# **Uniqueness of Valley**

The Valley offers degrees in both the reunion format and also the more traditional format of being spread over several months. The Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection starts in October and ends with the 14th Degree in January while the Lodge of Perfection Reunion is held in May. The Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose continues the degrees in February and ends at Easter.

The Rose Croix Reunion is held in November. This combination has proved to be quite successful in offering candidates options as to when they can take their degrees.

There is also strong support for the Consistories in Barrie and Hamilton.

# Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley Membership Committee has representatives from each the 5 Great Toronto Area Districts as well as from Ontario District. These District Representatives in turn have contacts in many of the over 100 Craft Lodges within these Districts. This allows good promotion of the Scottish Rite within these Districts.

The Valley held its annual Master Mason Night on Thursday, May 19. There were over 50 Master Masons present along with 80 Valley Members and guests. The Master Masons were informed about the Scottish Rite and saw a presentation of the second half of the 16th Degree.

#### **Financial Health**

The Valley of Toronto is in good financial health at this time. The Trustees meet with the investment council several times a year to review the portfolio for the Valley.

#### General

A major challenge for the Valley is travelling in Toronto. The membership is widely distributed over the Great Toronto area and traffic gridlock is becoming more and more of an issue for many members trying to attend meetings.

Special thanks to the Active Members of Supreme Council, III. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander and III. Bro. Duncan S. Skinner, 33° and the Past Active Members III. Bros. Donald W. Lambie, Richard D. Quinton and C. Edwin Drew from the Valley of Toronto for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gareth R. Taylor, 33° Deputy for Ontario

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# Report of the Deputy For QUEBEC

To the Supreme Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I am pleased to report on the State of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valley of Montreal and in the Valley of Quebec.

Valley of Montreal - (English and French)

# **Education and Enlightenment**

The survey that the Supreme Council put on last year was very useful and very well received by the brethren and also well discussed. This proves that the program instituted by the Supreme Council "Education and Enlightenment" was just in time. More and more our six bodies at their meetings take time to discuss the lessons and duties that each degree reflects on our daily life.

### Membership

Unfortunately, I have to report on account of a problem in our database over the last three years, which will be solved shortly. We have to report a net decline of 26 members in the French bodies opposed to net increase of 14 in the English bodies. More and more young masons are joining the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in both English and French bodies. It looks very good for the future of the Valley of Montreal.

#### **Special Events**

Last fall I had the honour and pleasure to remit in the name of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada six awards of \$35,000 each for a total of \$210,000 to six young doctors for their research projects.

Last May 25th we were pleased to receive our Sovereign Grand Commander on his Official visit to the Valley of Montreal. A conjoined meeting, English and French bodies, took place followed by a banquet in honour of our Special Guest of the Supreme Council.

#### Official visits

I was very honoured to receive Grand Honours in the Hochelaga Lodge of Perfection and in the Fleur de Lys Lodge of Perfection at my official visits as Deputy for Quebec. Both Lodges had renewed their allegiance to the Supreme Council.

# Vallée de Quebec

Bien que la Vallée de Québec semble avoir de la difficulté à recruter de nouveaux membres depuis quelques années, un vent nouveau semble souffler vers la Vallée de Québec. En effet la création de la nouvelle loge Sapientia, loge francophone, permettra des l'an prochain la venue de nouveaux membres.

J'ai eu l'honneur d'être reçu lors de ma visite officielle avec tous les Grands Honneurs dus à mon rang et je transmets au Suprême Conseil du Rite Écossais et Accepté leur fidèle allégeance.

#### **Financial Health**

The Valley of Montreal and Quebec are in very good financial health at this moment.

#### Conclusion

Pour terminer j'aimerais remercier III.Fr.Opkar Sandhu 33° notre nouveau Grand Secrétaire et III. Fr. Mario Cotton 32° pour leur dévouement.

I would like to thank III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson our GSG and III. Bro. Steven Warren for their assistance during my first year in office.

To our Sovereign Grand Commander many thanks to allow me the privilege of serving my brethren in Quebec as their Deputy and also to serve the Supreme Council.

Respectfully submitted, Respectueusement soumis,

III. Bro. Jean Reed, 33° Deputy for Quebec

# Report of the Deputy For SASKATCHEWAN

To the Supreme Council 33 degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys under my Jurisdiction, namely Saskatoon and Regina.

Along with official visits to each Valley, I made fraternal visits for Reunions, installation, Christmas celebrations, and degree team visits to Craft Lodges.

# Valley of Saskatoon

# Membership

The Valley of Saskatoon consists of the Saskatoon Lodge of Perfection with142 members (consisting of 5 new members, 1 restoration, 6 deaths, 6 withdrawals, and 3 suspensions with a total loss of 9 members over last year. The Saskatoon Chapter of Rose Croix has 136 members consisting of 5 new members, 1 restoration, 5 deaths, 6 withdrawals, and 3 suspensions, for an overall loss of 8 members over last year. The Saskatoon Consistory has 130 members, consisting of 5 initiations, 1 restoration, 5 deaths, 6 withdrawals, 3 restorations, and 3 suspensions, for a total loss of 9 members over last year.

#### Communication

Regular Lodge Notices are sent out to cover a two-month span. Most of our notices are now sent out by email. Those wishing hard copies receive them. Special notices are sent by email, or regular mail for Reunions. We only confer degrees at Reunions in February (Perfection), Easter (Rose Croix), and October (Consistory). Email notices are sent out as reminders for executive meetings, practices, or any special meeting as required.

### Leadership

In the last few years, Saskatoon has been fortunate to have no overlap of officers in all three bodies except for Secretary-Treasurer and Almoner. Most of the Honorary Inspectors-Generals take an active role in the degree work as participants or Directors. They are hardworking, and provide both leadership and mentoring roles.

# **Valley Fellowship**

At the Consistory Reunion in October, Regina members come to Saskatoon to assist with the Tents and Standards. Likewise, some Saskatoon members go to Regina and assist with the work in their 32nd degree. In the past few years Regina has requested the Saskatoon 24th degree travelling team to go and portray the 24th degree. This year the 24th degree team travelled to Panama City, Florida. We portrayed the 24th degree for the Panama City brethren on the occasion of their Consistory Reunion. We were treated with courtesy and dignity and a good time was had by all. We were invited to come back at any time in the future.

#### Uniqueness of Valley

The Saskatoon Valley has a high percentage of younger thirty-thirds. As long as I have been Deputy I have tried to elevate a younger member, and then a more mature member. The ritual work is very good, but we are lacking in social activities. In January, we have an installation banquet in the evening (which follows the installation of officers in the afternoon). The ladies are

invited, as well as the fraternal ladies. The fraternal ladies are picked up by Lodge members, escorted and taken home again. They are all introduced, given all courtesies and presented with a small gift as a token of our appreciation for their attendance. This has proven to be a very successful evening, but that is all we do. We need to do more.

# Valley's Connections to and Support of Craft Lodges

The Valley of Saskatoon has a second degree team, which confers the second degree in full costume. They portray this degree in and around Saskatoon. Many of the members of this degree team are younger members who do excellent work. This has a lasting impression on the members of those Lodges who are not members of the Scottish Rite. It also helps that many of our Scottish Rite members are regular attenders of their own craft Lodges (including five Grand Masters).

#### **Financial Health**

The Auditors Report indicates that this Valley is in a good financial position, and I know that our Secretary-Treasurer is fully competent, and does an excellent job.

#### General

The Valley of Saskatoon is an excellent place to visit. The environment in the room is warm and friendly. The more mature brethren are willing to give the younger ones a chance, even to make mistakes and learn by them so they improve. As stated earlier, the thirty-thirds are hardworking and co-operative. This positive attitude has and will continue to serve the Valley of Saskatoon well.

# Valley of Regina

# Membership

The Regina Lodge of Perfection consists of 289 members, with 12 initiates, 24 deaths, 2 withdrawals, 1 suspension, 2 restorations, for an overall loss over last year of 18 members. The Regina Chapter of Rose Croix has 276 members, including 11 initiates, 24 deaths, 2 withdrawals, 2 restorations, for a total loss of 18 members over last year. The Saskatchewan Consistory has 252 members, including 8 initiates 21 deaths, 1 withdrawal, 2 restorations, for an overall loss of 18 members over last year.

#### Communication

The major form of communication is through monthly notices, again mostly email with some mail outs for those who don't have computers. The Regina Valley, like Saskatoon portrays degrees at Reunions three times a year (fall, Easter and spring). Reunion notices are complete with cast members, officers, and of course candidates.

### Leadership

Although there is very little overlap of officers in the three bodies, there is difficulty at times in getting those officers to commit. Of course there are very experienced Actives and Past Actives in this Valley, as well as hardworking HIGs.

# **Valley Fellowship**

On the Saturday of the Perfection and Consistory unions, a sumptuous lunch is held for the members in the lower hall of the Masonic Temple. In late November, a Christmas dinner and fraternal ladies night is held. This is a wonderful occasion, full of goodwill, good food, fellowship and some degree of excitement over the approaching Christmas Season. The turnout for this occasion has been excellent.

# **Uniqueness of Valley**

As mentioned previously, Saskatoon and Regina visit back and forth and help each other in the portrayal of the work. This provides an opportunity for goodwill and fellowship which both Valleys enjoy.

# Valley's Connections to and support of Craft Lodges

The majority of the members of the Regina Valley are active members and officers in the Craft Lodges in their area including three Grand Masters.

#### **Financial Health**

This Valley is in good shape financially, with an excellent Secretary and Treasurer at the helm.

#### General

The Valley of Regina is a place where visitors are welcomed with open arms and their hospitality is second to none. I attended the Consistory Reunion in Regina on May 14 to observe the portrayal of the 32nd degree. This degree was put on by new (and younger Consistory Officers). This degree was put on in an exemplary manner by these young officers, with some help from the experienced HIGS. This was the best 32nd degree I have seen in Regina and I congratulated them on their performance.

# In Closing

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Grand Secretary General, III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and to the Supreme Council staff in the persons of III. Bro. Steven Warren, 33° COO, Executive Secretary, Ms. Leslie Drake and Mrs. Lucy Berthoud for all your assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Fitzsimmons, 33° Deputy for Saskatchewan

# **▶ OBITUARY RECORDS ◀**



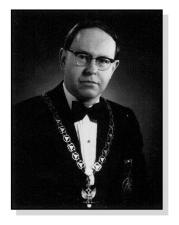
Rejoice ye dead, where'er your spirits dwell
Rejoice that yet on earth your fame is bright,
And that your names, remembered day and night,
Live on the lips of those who love you well.
~ Robert Bridges

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# ILL. BRO. JOHN VINCENT **LAWER**, 33° Past Sovereign Grand Commander



John Vincent Lawer, a lifelong resident of Toronto, born on Easter Sunday, March 31, 1929, passed away in Toronto on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, surrounded by family.

Predeceased by his father, Cyril John Edward Lawer; his mother, Kathleen Humphrys Robinson; and his wife, Audrey Stella Robbins; he is survived by his stepdaughter, Lori Cane; son-in-law, Michael Cane; grandchildren, Stephen, Simon (Lucy), Melanie (John Tory); five great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Betty Robbins; four nephews in the United States and many cousins in Canada, England and the United States.

John attended school in Toronto, and in 1951 graduated with an honours B.A. degree in Modern History and Modern Languages from

Trinity College, University of Toronto. In 1955 he graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1966. He subsequently received an LL.B degree from York University and earned the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M) from the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto. He practiced his profession in Toronto for over sixty years, the first thirty with the well-respected firm of Phelan O'Brien and subsequently as a sole practitioner. He was a Life Member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Lawyers Club of Toronto and the Osgoode Society. He is a former Trustee of the Sir William Campbell Foundation.

An Anglican, John was a long-time member of the Church of the Transfiguration, Toronto, where he served as Chairman of Sidesmen, Peoples' Warden, Rector's Warden, member of the Advisory Board and long-time Lay Member of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto. At the Diocesan level he served as Lay Secretary of Synod, Chairman of the Church Development Board and the Boundaries Committee and a member of the Executive Committee, the Trusts Committee, the Constitution and Canons Committee, the Bishop's Court, a number of Bishop's Commissions and as a Commissioner of the First York Rectory Fund. In 2014 he was appointed by the Archbishop of Toronto as a recipient of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. He was for many years President of the St. Stephen's House Property Corporation.

He was armigerous by the Canadian Heraldic Authority and was a member of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. A Serving Brother of the Venerable Order of St. John (SBSJ), he was a Knight of Justice of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem (KLJ. MMLJ). Admitted to the Freedom of the City of London, he was a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Upholders and a Past Master of the Honourable Company of Freemen of the City of London of North America. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (FRSA). A Past President of Toronto Branch and a Past National President and National Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of Canada, he organized in 1989, with his wife Audrey, and hosted at Ottawa, the World Members' Conference of the E.S.U. He was Honorary Counsel of the St. George's Society of Toronto and served ten years as a Member of the Committee of Management, including five years as Honorary Secretary of the Society. He was a Life Member of the Empire Club of Canada, a member of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Toronto Branch, the Monarchist League of Canada and the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust. He was an Honorary Kentucky Colonel. He was a member of Toronto East ACJ/UCJ Council 1065 United Commercial Travelers. A member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (FCIS), he was awarded the designation Professional Administrator (P. Adm).

Active in many branches of the Masonic Order, III. Bro Lawer was a Past Master of Zetland Wilson Lodge, No. 86 G.R.C., a Grand Steward and twice appointed Honorary Member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge A.F&A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. John was a life member of King Solomon's Chapter No. 8 GRC, a Past First Principal of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John No. 4 GRC and a Past Grand Senior Sojourner of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Ontario. A member of Adoniram Council No. 2, he was elected in 1998 as Cryptic Rite Mason of the Year by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario. A Past Governor of Athelstan York Rite College No. 41, he was awarded the Order of the Purple Cross and made an Associate Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and appointed Chairman, Committee on Wills and Trusts, Canada. He was a Director of the York Rite Sovereign College of Canada Charitable Foundation from 1999 and was elected President in 2012. A life member of Holy Land Conclave No. 3, he was the founding High Prelate of Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34 which he served as Most Puissant Sovereign in 1993. In 2001 he was elected Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada. The incorporator and founding Director of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada Charitable Foundation, John was elected President of the Foundation in 1998. A life member of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory No. 2 K.T., he was appointed Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and awarded the prestigious Order of Merit in 2013. He was the incorporating Director of the Knights Templar Charitable Foundation of Canada in 2003.

Joining Scottish Rite Freemasonry in 1958, Ill. Bro. Lawer served the Valley of Toronto for ten years as Assistant Secretary and then Secretary. John was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33°, along with his father Cyril Lawer in Toronto on September 8, 1970 and in 1975 he was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General 33° Active Member of Supreme Council on which he served in several capacities including Grand Secretary General, until in 1991 when John was elected for a triennium as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Canada. John was an Honorary Member of the Supreme Councils of Australia, Brazil, England and Wales, Finland, France, Mexico, the Netherlands, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction USA and Southern Jurisdiction, USA. John served as the Historian of Supreme Council for many years.

In 1977, he was elected a Director of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada and served as Secretary from 1977-1991. Elected as President in 1998, he served in that capacity until 2008.

A Shriner, John was a member of Rameses Temple, Toronto. He was elected a Life Member of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Province of Ontario of the Royal Order of Scotland in 1976.

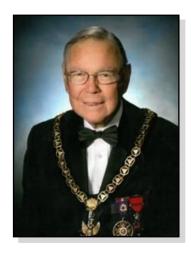
John was a Life Member of the Albany Club of Toronto, a Senior Member of the Granite Club and a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, and a Life Member and former Chairman of the Insurance Committee, of the Toronto Region Board of Trade. Always an enthusiastic traveler, he visited some thirty-seven countries on six continents, including one circumnavigation of the earth.

At John's remembrance service, one of his grandson's spoke about a quiet man, who was a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who had a very wry sense of humour.

Huc nos venimus.

He was a man, take him for all in all. I shall not look upon his like again. Hamlet Act 1, Scene 2.

# ILL. BRO. JOHN CARL **FAIRTHORNE**, 33° Past Active Member



The Valley of Windsor was extremely saddened by the sudden passing of Ill. Bro. J. Carl Fairthorne on July 3, 2016. Ill. Bro Fairthorne was dedicated, outgoing, very active and a regular member of Windsor Valley Scottish Rite. He was also involved in several Bodies of Masonry and community activities in the Windsor - Essex County area.

Ill. Bro. Fairthorne was born on July 11, 1936 in Windsor, Ontario. He received his early education in Windsor. After Graduation from Walkerville High School he started work in the Finance Department for the City of Windsor, from which he retired in 1994 as an Internal Auditor. Carl was also a member and served as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the municipally owned Roseland Golf and Curling Club.

Carl married Madeleine Logier and they celebrated over fifty years together. They have one daughter, Mary Ann. Carl was an active member of St. George's Anglican Church, Walkerville; serving as Warden and Treasurer on the Official Board; Chairing several committees and assisting where needed. Ill. Bro. Fairthorne was actively involved in several community programs: a member and Team Captain for the Windsor Goodfellow's Club annual Christmas Newspaper sale, a Past President of the Windsor Probus Club; particularly using his financial and organizational skills and he was willing to assist and contribute as a Mason and a gentleman.

III. Bro. Fairthorne was Initiated in Ontario Lodge No. 521 A.F.&. A.M. in Windsor on November 13, 1961. He received the F.C. Degree and M.M. Degree in Ontario Lodge in 1961. He was Worshipful Master in 1969; and Grand Steward Windsor District in 1982. He Affiliated with Border Cities Daylight Lodge No. 554 and was W.M in 1995 –1996 and also served as Secretary. He was a member of Windsor Chapter No.71 Royal Arch Masons. He was a member of Mocha Shriners and was Past President of Moramos Shrine Club, Windsor. He was also a member of the Royal Order of Jesters and the Royal Order of Scotland. Carl was also an active member of the Windsor District Masonic Association for many years and served as President in 1972.

Carl joined the Windsor Lodge of Perfection A.A.S.R. and received the 14th degree on April 20, 1963; the 18th degree in Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix on May 26, 1963 and the 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton on November 16, 1965. Ill. Bro. Fairthorne was M.W.S Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix in 1979. He was a dedicated member of the Finance Committee for many years. In recognition of his many Masonic and community activities Ill. Bro. Fairthorne was Coroneted an H.I.G. 33° in Edmonton, Alberta in 1984. He was Crowned an Active Member in London, Ontario in 2001, and served as Deputy for Ontario. Carl was Secretary of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation for several years. He was a founding member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the S.R.C.F. Windsor Learning Centre.

An excellent attendance of Brethren was present for the Masonic Memorial Service held on July 5, 2016 at Kelly Funeral Home, Windsor. On July 6, 2016 the funeral service was held at the Funeral Home by St. George's Anglican Church.; with Interment at Victoria Memorial Cemetery.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family. He will be greatly missed and we give thanks for the privilege afforded us in knowing and remembering this active and distinguished Mason.

# ILL. BRO. WILLIAM JOHN "ANDY" ANDERSON, 33°



The London valley lost one of its most dedicated members when III. Bro. William John "Andy" Anderson 33° passed to the Grand Lodge Above on January 26, 2016.

A native of Windsor, Ontario, III. Bro. Anderson was born November 16th, 1924, but raised in London and attended the "Sight-Saving" class at Empress Avenue Public School, after which he attended H. B. Beal Technical and Commercial High School, and graduated from the Motor Mechanics program.

He served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1943 to 1946 on the HMCS Wentworth, a frigate, in the North Atlantic on convoy duty, sailing between Newfoundland and Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

On returning to civilian life, our brother spent the rest of his working life in automotive parts sales, first for James Cowan and Co., and after 1973, for Automotive Warehousing Ltd. from which he retired in 1967.

Masonically, our Ill. Bro. was initiated into St. John's Lodge No. 20 on March 16, 1954, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1962 and again in 2009. He also served as the Lodge's Director of Ceremonies for nine years. At the 115th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario in July 1970 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the London East District. At the 145th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in July 2000 he was presented with the Meritorious Service Award.

Ill. Bro. Anderson joined the London Lodge of Perfection on May 3, 1963, the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on March 7, 1964 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 6, 1967. He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the London Lodge of Perfection in 1978. He remained an active attender and participant in both of the London bodies, and was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33 on September 12, 1985. For a number of years he served as the London Valley's Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation representative.

Affectionately known locally as the "Wagon Master" for his organizational skills, he possessed an unsurpassed gift of getting things done. He was an early and active supporter and promoter of the Foundation's Learning Centres program both nationally and with the London Learning Centre where he was constantly promoting the good work of the Learning Centre and raising funds to support its activities. He also served as the Dispatcher for the London Consistory Club's medical equipment loan program and quietly performed a vital service to those in need of such equipment.

An active Shriner, he was a Past Director of the Director's Staff, Past President of the Motor Corps, Past President (1973) of the London Shrine Club, and the Alumni Association of Past Masters.

In his Church, he was a life-long Presbyterian and served on numerous church Boards and Committees. He also coached baseball and hockey teams, and later refereed these sports.

Our brother passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Victoria Hospital, London, on Monday, January 25, 2016, in his 92nd year. Beloved husband of the late Mary (Pullin) Anderson (2004). Proud father of Sandra Rank and her husband Don of London, cherished grandfather of Kerry and Erin Rank and brother of Jessie Clayton.

His versatility was marvellous. He was the epitome of our fraternity for constantly contributing his attention and efforts towards the advancement of his Lodge, his Chapter and his Shrine with an infinitude of things to say... and they are of purpose and meaning. "When it comes to action . . . and things are getting hot, he can cut out all the talking... for example beats the lot!"

# ILL. BRO. JOHN RONALD BREWE, 33°



III. Bro. John Ronald Brewe, 33° passed away in his 82nd year at University Hospital, London, Ontario on Sunday, August 21, 2016.

III. Bro. Brewe was born in London on March 23, 1935. After completing his education at Aberdeen Public School and H. B. Beal Secondary School, he was employed by Comstock Canada as an electrical apprentice where he remained for 16 years. In 1969 he joined the Physical Plant Department at the University of Western Ontario, where he remained until he retired in 1996. On retirement, he spent a number of years as a school bus driver.

In the community, our brother was an active member of St, George's Anglican Church where he served on the Board of Management, and St. Aidan's Anglican Church where he looked after property rentals

and grounds maintenance. He also worked with the Boy Scouts of Canada as Scout Master and District Scouter for the London District and with the Southeast London and Oakridge Optimist Clubs where he held a number of offices.

In Craft Masonry III. Bro. Brewe was initiated in King Solomon's Lodge No. 378 G. R. C., on March 26, 1987 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1994 and Secretary from 1997 to 2001. In July, 2008 he was elected as District Deputy Grand Master of the London West District.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, he received his 4th degree in the London Lodge of Perfection on November 20, 1987, his 15th degree in the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on March 19, 1988 and his 32nd degree in the Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 7, 1988. He was an active member of the Production and Property Committees of both the Lodge and Chapter from the time of his initiation until his passing this year.

He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 16, 2004 in Edmonton Alberta. As a member of Mocha Shrine, he was a member of the Oriental Band acting as secretary and as a trustee.

III. Bro. Brewe was predeceased by his beloved wife, the former Kathleen Bridgeman (2009). He is survived by his sons Jeff Brewe and Randy Brewe (Cathy) of London, his daughter Stephannie Garbacz (Stephen) of St. Thomas and 3 grandchildren.

# ILL. BRO. GEORGE MORRIS **CALDER**, 33° JOHN ROSS MATHESON AWARD RECIPIENT



The Valley of Hamilton lost a long time, faithful member on May 23, 2015 with the passing of III. Bro. George Morris Calder, 33° on May 23, 2015. George joined Seymour Lodge No. 272 in Ancaster on February 23, 1945. He was passed and raised in Seymour Lodge as well receiving his 3rd Degree on April 26, 1949. George was also a member of Meridian Lodge No. 687 in Ancaster serving as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1990 – 1991.

George joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on May 7, 1963, the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on March 26, 1964 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on November 9, 1968. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General of Supreme Council on September 11, 1986 at the Annual Session in Charlottetown. At the 2006 Annual

Session of Supreme Council in Halifax, George received the prestigious John Ross Matheson Award. He was the first of only three members of the Valley of Hamilton to be so honoured. George was also active in Ancaster Chapter No. 155 R.A.M. serving as First Principal in 1978.

George was born, raised and educated in Ancaster and Hamilton. He grew up on his family farm in Carluke, Ontario located in the "Scotch Block" south of Ancaster. The farm did not have electricity or running water until 1948. Despite this hindrance, George had a lifelong interest in electricity and electronics being self-taught in this area by reading books at his uncle's farm. He attended Carluke Public School and Westdale Secondary School in Hamilton.

George joined the R.C.A.F. in 1939 and because of his knowledge of electronics was posted to England to study radar. He was subsequently posted to India and Burma to install radar equipment and was awarded the Burma Star Medal for his efforts during the war.

George was a long time member of St. John Presbyterian Church in Hamilton serving both as an elder and a member of the Board of Managers. After the church was damaged by fire in 1970, George served as chairman of the rebuilding committee. He was also active as a volunteer driver for the Canadian Cancer Society and was a member of the Mountain Lions Club, the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, the Ancaster Agricultural Society and the Electronics Advisory Board of Mohawk College. He was a founding director of the Annual Masonic Beef and Corn Roast in Hamilton which has raised many thousands of dollars for various charities. George was extremely active in the Valley of Hamilton with visiting sick and shut in brethren. He also faithfully served as Audio Chairman of the Valley for many years.

George was married to Ruth who predeceased him. He and Ruth established Calder Television and Appliances in 1952 and continued to operate this successful business until 1984. The business is still operating today as Peter Martin Appliances. In 1947 George built his own television from war surplus material. It had a five-inch screen. He also pioneered colour television in Hamilton.

The Valley will sorely miss this fascinating and faithful member.

#### ILL. BRO. JOSEPH CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN, 33°



III. Bro. Joseph C. Chamberlain passed away on Sunday, March 28, 2016. Joe was born in Wimbledon, London, England in 1948. The family immigrated to Kirkland Lake, Ontario in 1957, when he was eight years old. After three years the family moved to London, Ontario where he grew up. Joe is survived by his parents and his sister Mary.

Most of his education occurred in London, Ontario, graduating high school and Fanshawe College in London and finally graduating from Ryerson Polytechnical University in Toronto.

In 1977, he joined the Toronto Transit Commission. During his 29-year career, he worked in the Transit Control Centre on dispatch and became a Tower Person, operating the main panel for the Toronto Subway System as well as the new computerized Scarborough Rapid

Transit Line when it first opened. His last fifteen years were spent as a Programmer Analyst and a Systems Analyst in the Information Technology Services Department before retiring in 2006.

In March, 1983 he was initiated into Riverdale Lodge No. 494 G.R.C., serving as Worshipful Master in 1993, after the amalgamation to form Riverdale John Ross Robertson Lodge No. 494 G.R.C. Joe served as Worshipful Master in 2006, and was the Lodge Treasurer for many years.

He was an affiliated member of Heritage Lodge No. 730 G.R.C. in Cambridge. In 2000-2001, he served as District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District 4. He served on the Ontario Mason Magazine for 5 years and was always active in his Lodge and District. Joe was very active in York Rite Masonry, being a Past First Principal of Orient Chapter No. 79 R.A.M, a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters and Past Presiding Preceptor of Cyrene Preceptory No. 29 Knights Templar. He also served as an officer in various York Rite bodies as well as being an active member in two Rameses Shrine Units.

Ill. Bro. Chamberlain was a member of the Valley of Toronto of the A. & A.S.R. of Freemasonry of Canada. He was admitted a member of the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection in October1995, receiving his 14th Degree in January 1996. Advancing to the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, he received his 18th Degree in November 1996. A member of the Barrie Consistory, he received his 32nd Degree in 1997. He was also an affiliated member of Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton. He was a member of the Toronto Scottish Rite Club.

He was active in the Valley ever since joining and worked on the Make-Up team under III. Bro. Fleet Ballie, 33° until elected by his peers to become an officer in the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix in 2002. Joe served as Most Wise Sovereign, Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix 2008-2009. Joe was coroneted Honorary Inspector General at the Moncton Session in September, 2010. Joe continued to play an active role in the Valley's activities, being a cast member in a number of degrees as well as being the Chairman of the Work for the Chapter Rose Croix from 2009. Joe participated in the Toronto Valley 21st Degree team as a Director and took the part of the Lieutenant Grand Commander; he was also a cast member in the Toronto Valley 31st Degree team. Joe served Supreme Council as Webmaster for the Supreme Council Website and as a reviewer for the Audit and Finance Committee.

During the summer months he loved to put the lock on the door, leave the world behind and get behind the wheel of an 18 wheeler and head for Calgary, Dallas or Vancouver and all points in between.

# ILL. BRO. EDWIN TENG CHUA, 33°



III. Bro. Edwin Teng Chua 33° passed away on October 7, 2015 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. III. Bro. Chua was born March 17, 1948 in Manila, Philippines. He was engaged in sales and marketing with a number of companies involved in the steel industry while living in the Philippines including, Pag-Asa Steel Works, Wesson Industries and Stonehill Steel Corporation prior to emigrating to Canada in January 1982. Edwin was employed as a Real Estate Agent with a number of respected Real Estate agencies from 1986 to the present.

Edwin's Masonic journey began July 29, 1975 in Araw Lodge No. 18 (Manila) Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines. He was passed on May 27, 1983 and raised June 17,

1983 in Araw Lodge No. 18. Edwin affiliated with Grenville Lodge No. 629 G.R.C. in 1992 and served as Senior Warden in 2009. Ill. Bro. Chua joined the Valley of Toronto in 2007 and became a member of Moore Sovereign Consistory Hamilton in May 2007. Edwin was an invaluable member of the Valley of Toronto's Membership Committee putting his sales and marketing skills to very good use on behalf of the Rite. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General 33° on September 12, 2013.

Edwin was an active member of Grace Gospel Church as a member of the choir. He was also a very active member of the Filcan Cabletow Service Club, a Masonic Filipino-Canadian Service Club which through their many activities provided funding for the Children's Hospital in Manila.

Edwin leaves his wife Carolyn, three sons, his brother Johnny, five sisters, and his extended family. He lived respected and died regretted.

# ILL. BRO. GORDON FRANKLYN CONRAD, 33°



Ill. Bro. Gordon Franklyn Conrad 33° was born in Nova Scotia and spent his early childhood in Hubbards. He attended the only school (at that time) in Hubbards and completed his education to the high-school level there.

He worked in the community first for his brother who owned and operated a service station, then for his father who at that time was in the grocery business. Around the year 1949 Gordon decided to try his hand in the U.S.A. and took out papers to work and live in that country, first in the Massachusetts area, then in California. Uncle Sam found Gordon in California and he spent the next two years training for and doing the job of paratrooper, attached to the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

After being discharged from the U.S. Forces, Gordon returned to Nova Scotia, and after reviewing employment options he eventually went to work for Imperial Oil Limited where he had his own fleet of trucks and was under contract to Esso Home Comfort for the delivery of petroleum products.

Gordon started his Masonic career in Atlantic Lodge No. 103 on October 23rd, 1960, and worked his way through the offices of the Lodge, becoming Master in 1988, a feat he repeated in 1992. In between his many Lodge duties, he found the time to become a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, receiving his degrees in the Consistory on April 25, 1963.

Gordon was also a member of St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter No. 2, and a Shriner, member of Philae Temple.

In 1988, Gordon was appointed to the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies, his first Grand Lodge office. He was elected to the position of Grand Master in 1995 after having served all of the preceding elected Grand Offices.

Gordon and his wife Shirley had two children, Joan, Ottawa and Darrell, Dartmouth. A Masonic Service was held at 7:00pm, Friday, February 26, 2016 at A. L. Mattatall Funeral Home in Dartmouth. A Memorial Service was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Dartmouth at 11:00am on Saturday, February 27, 2016.

# ILL. BROTHER HECTOR (ROSS) CREWE, 33°



It is with sincere regret that we announce the passing of III. Brother Hector Ross Crewe of North Sydney, Nova Scotia on August 3, 2016.

Ross was born in North Sydney on May 18, 1927, son of the late Frank and Stella Crewe. He is survived by his wife Betty, sons David and Frank and sisters, Allison, Jean and Betty. Besides his parents, Ross was predeceased by his brothers Fraser, Frank and grandson Frank.

His Masonic service was held on August 9 and his funeral was held on August 10, both in North Sydney with burial at Lakeside Cemetery.

Ross was employed with the Cape Breton Post for a number of years and in 1991 he started with Revenue Canada, where he worked in the Sydney office until his retirement. He was a faithful member of the St.

Matthew Wesley United Church and its Men's Club.

Ross was initiated, passed and raised in Royale Albert Lodge #19, North Sydney in 1955, serving as Master in 1966. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Victory Lodge #18 in 1965, received his 14° from the Cape Breton Lodge of Perfection on November 4, 1966, received his 18° from Keith Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, Halifax on May 4 1974 and his 32° from the Nova Scotia Sovereign Consistory on May 31, 1986.

Ross was coroneted a 33° Honorary Inspector General by III. Bro. Harold Crosby at Kingston, Ontario on September 14, 1995.

He was a noted ritualist, taking an active part in degrees in craft lodges. He played major roles in the 5th, 14th, 17th and 18th degrees in the Valley of Sydney and was always ready to fill in, in other parts when needed.

He served as TPGM in the Cape Breton Lodge of Perfection in 1981, served as valley treasurer from 1983 to 2002, was advanced to the Royal Order of Scotland in 1986 and was a member of Philae Shrine as well as a member of the Cape Breton Shrine Club.

Ross' many contributions to Masonry are deeply appreciated by his brethren and he will be missed.

# ILL. BRO. RAYMOND SIDNEY JAMES DANIELS, 33°



Raymond Daniels was born September 2, 1937 in Orillia, Ontario of English descent, and was initiated into Masonry in 1959. A graduate of Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, with B.A. in Music and History and holds diplomas from the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, and Trinity College of Music in London, England. His professional life was devoted to music as an organist, conductor and teacher, during which he conducted Gilbert and Sullivan opera and led a chamber choir on three concert tours of English cathedral cities. He taught music and history at Eastwood Collegiate Institute in Kitchener for twenty-three years. In 1991 he received the K.W. Arts Council Award for Music in recognition of artistic achievement in the community. Raymond and his wife Brenda have resided in Kitchener since 1968.

Ray renewed his interest in Freemasonry following his retirement by affiliating with New Hope Lodge No. 279 in Cambridge where he served as Worshipful Master in 1998 and then Secretary. He was Senior Deacon of the Heritage Lodge No. 730, Member of Georgina Lodge

No. 343, Toronto, Muskoka Lodge No. 360 Bracebridge, Mystic Tie No. 279 in Cambridge, charter member of Royal City Daylight Lodge No. 742 in Guelph and Millennium Lodge No. 743. He was the founding Worshipful Master of New Light Lodge No. 744, a daylight Lodge in Waterloo. He was a member and held offices in several Appendant and Concordant bodies in York Rite, Kitchener Chapter No. 117 Royal Arch Masons, Couchiching Chapter, Salem Council Royal and Select Masters, Hamilton, Holy Land Conclave No. 3, Red Cross of Constantine, Toronto, Medwayosh Council No. 62 Allied Masonic Degrees, Vallette Perceptory No. 64 Knights Templar, Waterloo and Sir William York Rite College No. 57 Hamilton. Royal City Lodge of Perfection and Guelph Chapter Rose Croix in the Valley of Guelph and Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton. A member of the Order of the Secret Monitor, Toronto College No. 20 Societas Rosicrisiana in Anglia IV°. From its formation in 1997 he has been Presenter and Historian for Thanatopsis, the 'Funeral Director's Degree Team.

Ray served as Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario (2000-2001) and in October of that year he was appointed by the Grand Master to the Board of General Purposes and elected in July 2003. He served as Secretary of the Lodge Building Advisory Committee, Chairman of Membership Resources Committee and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education. He was Secretary for the Lodge of Instruction Team, with the Custodian of the work and then Secretary Emeritus. He was Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maranhao, Brazil. He was also a volunteer Librarian at the Grand Lodge Library in Hamilton. He is a Fellow of the College of Freemasonry. His interest in Masonic study is supported by membership in Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle, the Dormer Masonic Study Circle, the Masonic Study Society, all of London England, the Toronto Society of Masonic Research, Manitoba Masonic Study Group QCCC, Missouri Lodge of Research and the Scottish Rite Research Society, Washington, D.C. He was also a member by affiliation in Hannibal Lodge No. 224, GRI of St. George's Bermuda.

Ray was inducted into the Royal Order of Scotland in 2003, Coroneted Honorary Inspector General 33° of the Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada in September of 2005 and elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2009.

In 2009, M.W. Bro. Daniels established the Sankey Centre for Masonic Studies at Brock University. It provides an annual public lecture by a well-known scholar to increase awareness of the formidable role Fraternalism and Freemasonry have played in shaping our distinctive natural culture. The sixth Sankey Lecture took place at Brock University on March 22, 2015, Dr. Susan M. Sommers, Professor, Department of History, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa. was the keynote speaker. Funding is set aside to perpetuate the Masonic partnership with Brock University and the Sankey Lectures.

Raymond will be remembered also, for his "Masonic Minutes" which were eagerly read and enjoyed by all and he will forever be immortalized in a portrait on the ceiling of the Guelph Masonic Centre, being portrayed as 'Pythagoras' the great Master.

Raymond and Brenda always had a craving to live along the water in Northern Ontario and finally following his busy term as Grand Master, and having some failing health, this is where they resided permanently in their little cottage, to relax and reflect on his many accomplishments.

A Masonic Memorial Service was held in Cambridge, on Sunday January 31, 2016. He will certainly be missed

# ILL. BRO. CECIL ELVIN DECKER, 33°



Cecil Elvin Decker CMA - 92 of Halifax passed away Saturday, March 5, 2016, in the QE11 Hospital. Cecil was born in Jordan Ferry, Shelburne County, the oldest son of the late Harold and Hilda (Bower) Decker. His early career was as a partner in the family lumber business in Musquodoboit. He later moved to Halifax where he worked and studied to achieve his designation as a Certified Management Accountant of Canada. He worked for the province of Nova Scotia, Department of Finance as Supervisor of Accounts Payable and retired as chief accountant for the Fisheries Loan Board in 1988.

In his earlier years Cecil was an active member of Brunswick United Church, where he was an elder and served on the financial committee

until 1996. He was a fully documented Member and Charter Member of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada and a member of the Society of Management Accountants of Canada.

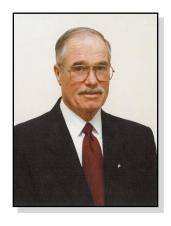
His particular passion was reserved for Masonry and his work with this organization began when he joined C.W. Saunders Lodge No. 125 of Elmsdale in 1957. In 1964 he was Worshipful Master and received the Meritorious Service Medal in 2000. He served in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as Grand Steward and District Deputy Grand Master in 1975. In 1960 he was exalted in Keith Chapter No. 4 Truro N.S. and Past High Priest in 1965. He was Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons with jurisdiction over P.E.I., N.S. and Nfld. in 1985 and Most Puissant Grand Master, Supreme Grand Council Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters in 1982-83. He was dubbed a Knight of the York Cross of Honour in Eastern Canada priory No. 19 in 1976, and served as Treasurer of the Priory for a number of years and then as Prior in 1994. Cecil was a Knight Grand Cross with 3 Quadrants.

He was a member of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, where he was Preeminent Governor of N.S. College #132 Truro N.S. and Grand Governor in 1997-2000 and received the honour of becoming Regent Emeritus. A Member of the Red Cross Constantine (Royal Edward Conclave #8) where he was Sovereign in 1982 and Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada in 1994. A member of the Scottish Rite, he served as Commander-in-Chief of the N.S. Sovereign Consistory from 1981-83. In 1990 he was awarded the honorary 33°. A member of the Philae Shrine Temple, he served as Potentate in 1983 and was a member of the Cabiri International Past Potentate Association. He was a founding member of the Dartmouth District Shrine Club, started in 1983. A founding member of the Order of the Secret Monitor, where he was Supreme Ruler in 1998-99 and Treasurer Emeritus for a number of years. He was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

A member of the Eastern Star, he joined Elmsdale Chapter No. 55 in 1958. He was Past Patron of the chapter several times and held different offices in that chapter. Cecil was a charter member of Evening Star Chapter #28. In 1992, he was elected Grand Treasurer and served this office until 2003 when he was given the honour of Grand Treasurer Emeritus. He served 50 plus years in the Shrine, Masons, and Eastern Star. Over the years he received many honorary, life and charter memberships in various organizations. In his spare-time he enjoyed bowling, travelling, music and reading historical items music.

Cecil is survived by his wife, Eleanor (Vogler); brother, Henry and many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Ernest and his wife, June; sister, Mildred and her husband, George, and first wife, Helen (Pace) Decker.

# ILL. BRO. VERNON **DUKE**, 33°



The Valley of Winnipeg mourns the passing of III. Bro. Vern Duke, 33°, in Winnipeg on April 13, 2016.

Vern was born in Edmonton, Alberta, on November 4, 1927. He joined the Federal Grain Company in 1944, moving to the Canadian Grain Commission in 1947. Over the next 36 years Vern worked in Winnipeg, Baie Comeau and Thunder Bay. He retired in 1983 as Director and Chief Grain Inspector.

Vern leaves his wife of 62 years, Audrey, daughter Karen, and son Brian (Kathy), grandchildren Michael (Kathy Downs) and Courtney (Will Gault), as well as great-granddaughter Summer. He is survived by his sister Barbara Romano and brother Peter, along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Charles

and Laurel, and his brother Ron.

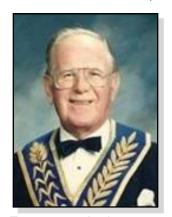
Vern's Masonic journey lasted more than 65 years. He was initiated in Beaver Lodge No. 139, GRM, on March 9, 1950, passed on April 6, 1950 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on May 5, 1950. He served in most of the officer positions in his Lodge, including Worshipful Master in 1970. He was Senior Grand Deacon for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1988-89.

Vern was a supportive member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for more than 30 years. He received his 4th degree on October 18, 1985 in the Valley of Winnipeg, his 14th degree on December 13, 1985, his 18th degree on February 28, 1986 and his 32nd degree on April 18, 1986. Vern actively participated in degree work and as an officer. He was Most Wise Sovereign of the Bethesda Chapter Rose Croix in 1993-94.

Vern was coroneted as an Honorary Inspector General on September 12, 1996 in Calgary, Alberta. He continued to serve his Valley faithfully for many years, until poor health caused him to step aside. He was awarded the Valley of Winnipeg's Walter C. McDonald Medal for Meritorious Service in 2003.

Vern was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland (1998) and the Khartum Shriners.

# ILL. BRO. ANDREW (ANDY) FERGUSON,33°



Andrew (Andy) Ferguson, aged 99 years, passed away February 9, 2016 just two weeks shy of his 100th birthday. He was born March 2, 1916 in Fort William. In the 1930s he worked for the Trans Canada Pipeline. In 1933 he started working his way up in Delamater Rankin (Wholesale Distributer) to salesman. When the business was purchased by the Hudson Bay Company he continued there for 3 more years, retiring in 1982.

He married Anna Jean Gibb on August 30, 1940 and had two sons. Andy is predeceased by his wife and son, William Thomas. He is survived by his son Donald Andrew and two grandchildren, Donald and Laura.

From 1977 Andy was a member of First Wesley United church when he served on session, was President of their Men's Club, clerk of the Board, and Wine Steward for 25 years.

He enjoyed curling, golfing, swimming and found wood carving very relaxing. Andy designed and built the Altar at Dease Street Temple in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

His civic duties included working many charities and being a blood donor until the age of 65, receiving two Governor General Certificates of Thanks.

Andy's Masonic journey started on November 15, 1962 when he became a member of Royal Lodge 453, Fort William, Ontario. He received his 14° February 24, 1966 in Fort William, his 18° April 5, 1966 at Nanna Bijou Chapter Rose Croix, and his 32° October 27, 1967 at North Star Consistory. Andy was Coroneted 33°, Honorary Inspector-General on September 12, 1985 in London, Ontario.

He was Worshipful Master of Royal Lodge 453 in 1969 and Most Wise Sovereign Nanna Bijou Chapter Rose Croix in 1980. Andy was President of the Thunder Bay Masonic Foundation, 1980 – 1984, President of the Lakehead Shrine Club in 1978, and served as DDGM of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1992/93.

Andy's passing is a great loss to the Valley of Thunder Bay and he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

ILL. BRO. GEORGE CYRIL (CY) HEAD, 33°



On January 12, 2016, Alberta lost a highly respected and longstanding member in the passing of George Cyril (Cy) Head, at the age of 94. He was born October 1, 1921, in Calgary. It was a life well spent, loving and being loved by his beloved wife Henrietta (Nettie) who predeceased him in 2012. They were blessed with two sons, Rick (Sherry) and Jeff (Shannon). Grandchildren; Christian (Corrina), Jason, Nathan and Chelsea, great-grandchildren; Brittnay and Kayla.

Cy served in the R.C.A.F. as a Radio Tech serving in Canada and England. Earning; the Defence Medal, The Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp, The War Medal 1939-45, and Queens Silver Jubilee Medal.

He was active in the Bonny Doon Community Association in Edmonton, was Cubmaster Fort Garry Manitoba, The Westridge Community Club and he spent three years as a trustee and chairman of the Fort Garry School Division. Cy was also involved as an executive member in the Glamorgan 55 Plus Seniors Club in Calgary.

He was one of the founding members of the Alberta Hospital Purchasing Association, serving in various executive positions, including President and was made an Honorary Lifetime Member in 1980.

Cy started his business career in 1939 with Fisher & Burpee Ltd. Medical Supplies. Taking time out to serve in the RCAF in 1942-45 and resuming his career with Fisher & Burpee in 1945 as Purchasing Agent and Office Manager, in Winnipeg. He came to Foothills Hospital, Calgary in 1963 as Director of Purchasing, and become Director of Material Management in 1981. His proudest career accomplishment was the commissioning of the Foothills Hospital and setting up the medical supply chain for the 1988 Calgary Olympics.

Cy started his Masonic career when he was initiated into Empire Lodge #63 GRA on May 3, 1948. He was passed on May 3, 1948 and raised on June 7, 1948. He moved to Calgary and affiliated with Jordon Lodge #177 GRA and became W.M. in 1998. He received his 4th degree on April 7, 1975, Calgary Lodge of Perfection, the 14th degree November 14, 1975, Delta

Chapter Rose Croix, the 18th degree April 15, 1976, Southalta Consistory. He served as Most Wise Sovereign in 1983.

Cy was received into the Royal Order of Scotland September 29, 1994. He was Coroneted a 33rd degree Honorary Inspector General September 8, 1994. Cy was in charge of the regalia for the Valley and served as chairman of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Committee for many years.

George Cyril Head lived a life of service and devotion to his family, the community, the masonic family, friends and brethren.

Well done good and faithful servant!

ILL. BRO. ARNOLD GRANT HOLMES, 33°



July 10, 1938 - May 22, 2016. Arnold Grant Holmes was born in Orangeville, Ontario into a family of four brothers, one of which was his twin, Allan.

Arnold received a BSA at the University of Toronto in 1962 and graduated from the University of Guelph where he took a position as Registrar of the University in Guelph and held that position for 23 years until his retirement in 1994. During that time he received an Honorary Companion of the University of Guelph and became an Honorary Member of the Ontario University Registrars Association.

Arnold was actively involved in Alcoholics Anonymous and found deep meaning in being a member of this organization. He celebrated 27

years of sobriety and provided support and mentorship to many.

Arnold was a quiet man who never married, but did maintain beautiful gardens at his home. Along with his love of pets, music and good food he was an enthusiastic supporter of the University of Guelph Gryphons football team.

Arnold became interested in Masonry and joined Waverley Lodge No. 361 in Guelph, being initiated May 1, 1965. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1985 and went on to join the Royal City Lodge of Perfection in in the Valley of Guelph in October of 1974. In 1991 he served as T.P.G.M. of that Lodge.

In 1974, Arnold joined the Guelph Chapter of Rose Croix followed by Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton in October of 1975. On September 15, 2005 Arnold was invited to receive his 33° at the Supreme Council Sessions in Toronto.

Arnold took part in the 22nd Degree at Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton every second year and eventually became the Director of the Degree. After failing health required him to give it up he was made "Director Emeritus" of that Team until his death.

Arnold will be missed by his two sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and by his many friends.

# ILL. BRO. JERRY MICHAEL JOHN HOWARTH, 33°



Peterborough Valley was very saddened with the passing of Ill. Bro. Jerry Michael John Howarth, 33° who passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, May 1, 2016. Jerry was born in Brantford, Ontario on September 8, 1938.

Jerry was well known in the Bancroft area as the owner-manager of the I.G.A. Store. He was elected National Director of the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers in 1988. He lived in Bancroft with Florence, (Smitty) his wife of over 53 years where they raised two children, Jerry Michael and Nicole Dawn and had six grandchildren.

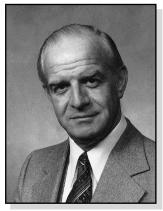
Jerry was very active in his community, serving on a number of boards and committees. His generosity and support for all charitable organizations in the area was well known.

Jerry's Masonic career started in 1973 when he was initiated into Bancroft Lodge No. 482 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1979 and District Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward District in 1982. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Madoc Chapter No. 161, serving as First Principal of North Hasting Chapter No. 267 for two terms from 1987 to 1989. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Hiram Council No. 24 in 1979 and a Knight Templar in Moore Preceptory No. 13 in 1979. He was also active in York Rite College No. 53 Belleville, Kawartha Council No. 143 Allied Masonic Degrees, Kawartha Lakes Lodge No. 121 Royal Ark Mariners and Heritage Lodge No. 730.

Jerry was an active Shriner including serving as President of the Kawartha Shrine Club in 1986 and Director General Rameses Temple 100th Anniversary 1988. Ambassador Rameses Temple – Algonquin Shrine Club 1987- 2004, and was then appointed Ambassador Emeritus; Honoured as Shriner of the Year for Algonquin Shrine Club, 2001. He was also a member of Jesters. Jerry was a member and Past President of the local Shrine Club at his winter home in Naples Florida. He became a member of the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection in 1974, Peterborough Chapter of Rose Croix in 1975 and Moore Sovereign Consistory in 1976. Jerry served as the Thrice Puissant Grand Master 1987 and was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector General in 1982.

His reputation for his dedication to, and love of Masonry was well founded.

# ILL. BRO. GEORGE FRANCIS WALLACE INRIG, 33°



Peterborough Valley was very saddened with the passing of III. Bro. George Francis Wallace Inrig, 33°. George passed away with his family by his side on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

George was born August 22, 1929 in the Town of Picton, Ontario. He attended Queen's University graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955. He attended Dalhousie University, Halifax graduating with a Bachelor of Law in 1958. Awarded Fellowship, Law Institute of America in 1958. He attended Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas and graduated with a Masters of Comparative Law in 1959. George was Assistant Professor of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax 1959 to 1961. He entered into partnership in the practice of law with the Honourable Leslie M. Frost under the firm name of Frost, Inrig and

Gorwill in 1963 until 1973.

George was appointed Judge of the Provincial Court (Criminal Division) November 19, 1973. He served as the Chairman of the Lindsay School Board and the Victoria County Board of Education. He was Past President of the Victoria-Haliburton Progressive Conservative Association, Trustee of the Lindsay Library Board, Warden of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Member of the Albany Club, Royal Canadian Legion, Canadian Bar Association and Upper Canada Law Society.

George was the beloved husband of Elaine (predeceased by wives Barbara Mathews and Mary Kinsella). Father of Mary Loraine (Lori) and Catherine Anne. Step father of Betty Anne Greenhaigh and T. Scott Squires.

George's Masonic career started in 1966 when he was initiated into Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1975. He was made an Honorary Member of Prince Edward Lodge No. 18 and was a member of Heritage Lodge No. 730. He was elected Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1979, elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1982 where he served several terms being last elected in 1994. George became a Royal Arch Mason in Midland Chapter No. 94 in 1975, was appointed Grand Registrar of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario April 1993 and appointed Honorary member of the Grand Executive in 1994. He became a Royal and Select Master in 1975 and a Member of Moore Conclave No. 15 in 1983. George became a member of the Peterborough Valley Lodge of Perfection November 23, 1970, the Peterborough Valley Chapter of Rose Croix April 8, 1971 and Moore Sovereign Consistory November 6, 1971. He was Coroneted 33° Honorary Inspector-General September 14, 1979.

ILL. BRO. JAMES IRVINE (IRV) JACKSON, 33°



The Valley of Winnipeg regrets to report the passing of Ill. Bro. Irv Jackson, 33°, in Winnipeg on May 4, 2016.

He leaves with cherished memories, his wife Anne of 63 years, son James M. (Denise), grandson J. Jason (Diana) and their children Nico and Rocco, grandson Michael R., granddaughter Renée P. (Ryan Drul), many members of his extended family, and many, many good friends. He was predeceased by his brother Robert.

Irvine was born on November 13, 1929 to Laura and James Jackson and raised in St. Boniface where he enjoyed an idyllic childhood and youth, known as "Red" - for his hair. He enjoyed every sport: hockey, football and especially curling; and was always up for a challenge. He won many awards for his endeavors: marksman with the 402 Squadron

Air Cadets; rower with the Winnipeg Rowing Club to name but a few.

His football prowess must have been truly legendary, because in 1983 Irv was invited (at the age of 53) to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers open try-outs. Somebody must have remembered the all-star center and defensive lineman for the Norwood-St. Boniface Legionnaires (1949-54) and 0-lineman for the 1955 Legion 141. Irv loved a good joke, so he laced up once again ready to give all for the team.

Irv was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and the Manitoba Football Hall of Fame as a player and as a coach for the Norwood Elks, Weston Wildcats and the Winnipeg Hawkeyes.

For a time, Irv did have real jobs, working for Manitoba Hydro where for a time he was also the union local president. He retired from there in 1984 and then joined Anne in running the Rosary Florists.

Irv followed his father into Masons which became a lifelong passion. He joined Norwood Lodge No. 119, GRM, being initiated on February 12, 1976. He was passed on March 3, 1967 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 27, 1967. He served as Worshipful Master of Norwood Lodge in 1978 and 1993, and District Treasurer and Chaplain for the 12th Masonic District in 1994.

Irv received his 4th degree on October 16, 1980 in the Valley of Winnipeg, his 14th degree on December 4, 1980, his 18th degree on February 26, 1981 and his 32nd degree on April 27, 1981. Irv actively participated in degree work and as an officer. He was Most Wise Sovereign of the Bethesda Chapter Rose Croix in 1991-92. For many years Irv was the makeup man for Valley degrees, applying the beard and mustache skills he learned in Khartum Shrine's Oriental Band.

Irv was coroneted as an Honorary Inspector General on September 14, 1995 in Kingston, Ontario. He was awarded the Valley of Winnipeg's Walter C. McDonald Medal for Meritorious Service in 2001.

Irv was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland (2003) and the Khartum Shriners Oriental Band.

# ILL. BRO. WILLIAM (BILL) CECIL JACKSON, 33°



It is with deep sadness that we record the passing of III. Bro. William (Bill) Cecil Jackson, 33° on May 29, 2015.

III. Bro. Bill was born in Vancouver on March 24, 1924, the 5th of 6 children to Herbert and Esther Jackson.

Bill's vocation was in the Credit Industry. He surpassed his vocational expectations and in 1986 retired as a Regional Credit Manager. After retirement, Bill held positions as Director and Vice-President for a publically traded company on the Vancouver Stock Exchange.

Similar to his Masonic career, Bill was very active in his community. After retiring, he organized Senior Dances at Bonsor Rec Centre and Century House. He held the position as Chairperson for the Dance

Committee for many years.

Bill was married for 33 years to Charlotte 'Lottie' Jackson (nee Melville). They both loved to dance and their children used to call them "Fred & Ginger," as they were very graceful on the dance floor. Bill's later partner, Ellen Mae Mitchell, was an inspiration to Bill in his years at Shannon Oaks Retirement Residence.

On March 17, 1955, Bill was initiated to Commonwealth Lodge #156, where his masonic career began to flourish. He held many Masonic positions including Worshipful Master of Commonwealth Lodge #156 from 1981 to 1984, was Grand Standard Bearer in 1985, and later, District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 26 in 1989, of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon. He served his lodge again as Master in 1999.

Bill joined the Valley of Vancouver, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite on February 24, 1984. He held many positions within the Valley and culminated his journey with holding the position of Most Wise Sovereign in 1995 for the Vancouver Chapter of Rose Croix. Bill was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 11, 1997. He was also a proud member of Joppa Chapter No. 31 RAM.

Bill is predeceased by his son Herbert in 1950, lovingly remembered by children Lorraine (George), Patti, Bill (Louise), Colleen (Glenn); grandchildren Angela (Ryan), James (Barb),

Shannon (Andrea), Taylor (Kelly), Erin, Heather (George), Jonathan; great-grandchildren Carter, Julia, Logan; sister-in-law Bertie, nieces, nephews and friends.

III. Bro. Bill was a dedicated Mason and was always strait-laced both in his work and in his membership in Freemasonry. He offered his services to many Scottish Rite Degree teams in the Vancouver Valley, being an expert ritualist; he is fondly remembered especially as a member of the 15th degree team, which he served for many years. Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit

# ILL. BRO. SAMUEL GEORGE (BUD) KLUMPH, 33°



Born: December 19, 1921 - Died: December 13, 2015. Brother Bud Klumph passed away peacefully at the age of 93 at Willow Creek Continuing Care Centre in Claresholm, Alberta. Brother Klumph is survived his four children and ten grandchildren.

Brother Klumph was initiated in Whitecourt Lodge #153 on March 3, 1955, Passed: April 7, 1955, Raised: May 5, 1955. Brother Klumph affiliated with York Lodge #119; in Lethbridge in 1983 was Worshipful Master 1986 and 1991. In 2005 Bud affiliated with North #4 in Lethbridge where he was honoured with his 60-year bar 2015.

Brother Klumph joined the Lethbridge Valley in 1987, received his 32° from South Alta Consistory on November 12, 1988 and was TPGM of

Lethbridge Valley in 1992/93 and MWS of Chinook Chapter Rose Croix in 1994/95. In 2001 Bud was honoured for his service to the Valley of Lethbridge at the 14th degree reunion. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General on September 14, 2006.

Brother Klumph was a faithful member of the Lethbridge Valley, participating in many of the degrees as both a cast member and masonic mentor. Bud could always be counted on to fill in short notice for a degree part and would gladly lend a hand when required. He was very active in the craft lodge and the valley until his early nineties and will be much missed by all.

Brother Klumph was also member of the Royal Arch, Rose Cross of Constantine, the Royal Order of Scotland and a Shriner with Al AZHAR Temple and the Lethbridge Shrine Club.

Bud is survived by sons John (Merle) and Rod (Doreen); daughters Marliene (Edwin) Willson and Susan Tetreault. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and many friends. Bud was predeceased by his wife Mildred and son-in-law Maurice Tetreault.

Bud was the Director of Grazing and Land Management for the Province of Alberta. He loved fishing, hunting and lapidary.

### ILL. BRO. WILLIAM GORDON LISTER, 33°



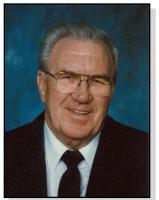
The Valley of Hamilton was greatly saddened by the passing of William G. Lister on November 17, 2015. Bill joined Seymour Lodge No. 272 in Ancaster in 1968 serving as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1977. He also served as Auditor of the Lodge for many years. Bill joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 2, 1971, Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on November 8, 1978 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on November 11, 1978. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 15, 1983 at the Annual Session of Supreme Council in Toronto, Ontario. Bill faithfully served Murton Lodge of Perfection as Grand Chaplain and Treasurer for many years and was proclaimed an Honorary Past Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 2001.

Bill was born in Hamilton, Ontario on March 5, 1926 but received his elementary, secondary and university education in Vancouver, British Columbia. He graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1948 with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree. He subsequently received a Master of Business Administration degree from McMaster University after returning east to pursue a long and successful career with Canadian Canners Limited. He retired from Canadian Canners in 1987 as Senior Vice-President of Finance and Administration.

Bill was extremely active in his community having served as a member of the Business Advisory Council at McMaster University School of Business, a trustee on the McMaster University Pension Plan Committee and a Director of Junior Achievement. He also served as President of the Hamilton Chapter of the Financial Executives Institute of Canada. He and his wife Alma resided in Ancaster and attended Marshall Memorial United Church where he served on the Congregational Board for many years and as a Cub and Scout leader for eleven years. He was active in both the Rotary Club and the Probus Club of Hamilton. Bill and Alma worked with Meals on Wheels for many years. Bill also volunteered with the Ancaster Information Centre for many years preparing tax returns for seniors. In 2009 he was honoured as Ancaster's Distinguished Citizen of the year by the Ancaster Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife Alma and his three sons Gordon, Kenneth and Robert and their families. Bill will be long remembered in the Valley of Hamilton for his tireless service and his kind and gentle ways.

# ILL. BRO. ROBERT BRANDON LITTLE. 33°



The Valley of Winnipeg was saddened by the passing of Ill. Bro. Brandon Little, 33°, on May 5, 2016.

Brandon was born April 18, 1929 at home in Fort Rouge (Winnipeg) to parents Robert and Ivy Little. He grew up in Winnipeg and spent his entire career in the insurance industry, starting out at Gore Mutual Insurance Company as a fieldman, advancing to Branch Manager for the Lakehead and Prairie region. When the Winnipeg office closed he briefly moved to Gore's Head Office in Cambridge, ON, returning home to Winnipeg for family reasons. He ended his working career operating his own business, Wallace Little Insurance Agencies, until retirement.

He was a beloved husband to Irene, dear brother to Ivy Hicks (Clark); proud father to Lorraine Walld (Jim), Debbie Hamlin and Bob Little and father-in-law to Dave

Hamlin; loving grandfather to Jennifer Walld (Scott Ogonowski), Angela Hearn (Brian), Eric Walld, Alexandra Walld (Drew Kozub), Brianna Hamlin (Burke Scurfield), Cole Hamlin, Rachel Hamlin, Brett Little, Cassie Little and Brady Little; doting grandfather to Cara and Adelyn Hearn. He was a loving uncle to Kelly Hicks and Shawna Pearman and their families.

Brandon was a lifetime member of Crescent Fort Rouge United Church serving in various capacities.

Brandon joined Beaver Lodge No. 139, GRM, being initiated on September 20, 1977. He was passed on October 18, 1977 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 15, 1977.

Brandon received his 4th degree on October 28, 1982 in the Valley of Winnipeg, his 14th degree on December 9, 1982, his 18th degree on March 3, 1983 and his 32nd degree on April 21, 1983.

Brandon was a gifted pianist from an extremely early age and later on in life learned to play the pipe organ. He served as Organist in the Lodge of Perfection for almost 30 years and was a friendly and welcoming face to new members and junior officers. He was awarded the Valley of Winnipeg's Walter C. McDonald Medal for Meritorious Service in 1992.

Brandon was coroneted as an Honorary Inspector General on September 8, 1994 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Brandon was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland (2001) and the Khartum Shriners Chanters Unit, serving as President in 1991.

#### ILL. BRO. ALLAN MACARTHUR, 33°



III. Bro. Allan MacArthur, 33° was born on January 10, 1939 and raised in Montreal, Quebec. He was an active RCAF cadet from 1955 – 1956. After graduating from Montreal West High School in 1956 he attended Royal Military College in Saint Jean Quebec from 1956 - 1959. Allan became a teacher at Lakeside School Board from 1960 - 1968. He taught elementary school while finishing a science degree from Sir George William University, 1960 – 1964. During that time, he met Shirley in 1961 when they were teaching together at Thorndale School. They married in 1964 and shared a life together for 53 years. His son, Shawn was born in Montreal. In 1968, he moved with his family to Calgary, where Jennifer was born. He taught Mathematics at Sir Winston Churchill High School and coached the football team. He was President of the Alberta Teachers Association from 1975 – 1977.

He worked for the Board of Education in the Department of Human Resources until he retired in 2003.

Allan enjoyed the outdoors with his family; camping, skiing and traveling. He was a strong, faithful and longtime serving member of the congregation of St. James Anglican Church in the community of Ranchlands, Calgary. He was a founding member and served in the capacity of fund raising to build the current church, as well as the Rector's Warden of the church.

His Masonic journey began in the Grand Lodge of Quebec in Beaver Lodge # 99 when he was initiated on September 10, 1963. He received his Fellowcraft Degree on January 28, 1964 and raised to a Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 24, 1964. He held officer chairs as Inner Guard to Senior Deacon before moving to Calgary. As a Brother Mason, he affiliated in the Grand Lodge of Alberta with St. Mark's Lodge #118 and ascended through the chairs from

Junior Steward in 2002 to being installed as Worshipful Master in 2008. He received recognition of a 50-year jewel for service to the Craft on January 8, 2014.

He joined the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Calgary, on January 4, 1977 when he received the 4th Degree. He completed the 14th Degree on October 21, 1977, 18th Degree on March 27, 1978 and received his 32nd Degree on November 11, 1978. He served as Commander in Chief, SouthAlta Consistory in 1992 and Thrice Puissant Grand Master in the Lodge of Perfection in 2005 as well as serving on numerous degree teams. He was Coroneted 33° in Toronto on September 15, 2005 by the Sovereign Grand Commander, Orlan J. Weber, 33°.

Allan became a member of the Royal Arch Masons, Alberta Chapter #1 on December 9, 1983 and Cyprus Preceptory #33 a Knight Templar, April 22, 1983.

As a member of the Al Azhar Shriners, he was president of the Shrine Club in 1986-87, Secretary and life member of the Oriental Band.

Allan passed to the Grand Lodge Above on March 6, 2016 and will be lovingly remembered by his Wife Shirley, son Shawn and family (Ottawa), daughter, Jennifer and family (Sydney Australia). A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for his life was held on Saturday, March 12, 2016. A final tribute was the honour of six Brothers from St. Marks Lodge #118 acting as his Pall Bearers.

# ILL. BRO. DONALD PHILLIP MACDONALD, 33°



It is with sincere regret that we announce the passing of III. Br. Donald Phillip (Donald P) MacDonald, 33°on October 5, 2015 in Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

Donald P was born in North River on October 31, 1935. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ethel, three children, Bonnie, Phyllis and Barry, along with his grand children and great-grand children. He is also survived by three sisters, Bessie, Jessie and Annie, and brother M I

He was initiated, passed and raised in St. Mark's Lodge in Baddeck, Nova Scotia in 1988. In his Craft Lodge, he served as Senior Steward, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master.

He served as District Deputy for the Cape Breton North-South District.

He received his 4° and 14° in May, 1990 in the Cape Breton Lodge of Perfection, his 18° in November, 1991 in the Isle Royale Chapter of Rose Croix and his 32° in April, 1992 in the Nova Scotia Sovereign Consistory.

In the Isle Royale Chapter, he served as Gr Marshal, Raphael, Prelate, Second General, First General and Most Wise Sovereign.

He was active in the presentation of the Last Supper as portrayed by the Valley of Sydney, playing the part of Philip. He was well respected for his ritual work and his excellent memory.

Donald P was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in 2006.

He was self-employed in the construction industry for many years and then held the position of maintenance director at the Alderwood Guest Home.

Donald P was active in the Knox Presbyterian Church serving as an elder and clerk of session. He loved music, as a musician and a listener. Following a service at Knox Presbyterian Church, he was laid to rest in Harbourview Cemetery, South Haven.

# ILL. BRO. JOHN (GORDON) MACKENZIE, 33°



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of John Gordon MacKenzie, 33° on March 21, 2016, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Gordon was born and raised on a farm in Rose Valley, Prince Edward Island. He received his education in the one-room schools in the area before continuing to Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown. Gordon was married to Dorothy and they had two sons, Lowell (Gail) and Brian, and three grandchildren, Taylor, Michael, and Ian. After Dorothy's passing, Gordon married Vera and was step-father to Donald (Debbie) and Carole (Gord).

Gordon used his farm as an Illustration Station in conjunction with Dominion Experimental Farms Service until 1957. He then joined

Agriculture Canada as a Fruit and Vegetable Inspector and later transferred to the Livestock Division as a Livestock Grader until his retirement.

Gordon was also very active in his community; first serving on the school board as a trustee and later as superintendent for his district. He was also active in the United Church of Canada at an early age, first as a leader and then as a teacher.

His Masonic career was also outstanding; being initiated December 9, 1969, in Ture Brothers Lodge #8, Crapaud, PEI and raised April 14, 1970. He became Master of the Lodge in 1974 and was appointed a Stewart of the Grand Lodge in 1981, from which he proceeded through the ranks of Grand Lodge of PEI to become Grand Master in 1993. As Grand Master, Gordon initiated the Mentor Program for aspirants which is still in vogue today.

Gordon joined the Scottish Rite June 25, 1973 in Albert Edward Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Summerside PEI. Gordon was elected as TPGM 2005. He had been elected Most Wise Sovereign in 1984. Gordon joined the Nova Scotia Sovereign Consistory in 1976 and directly joined Philae Shrine Temple in Halifax later becoming president of the Island Shrine Club in Charlottetown. Gordon received the Royal Order of Scotland in 1988.

John Gordon MacKenzie was coroneted an Honourary Inspector General by Sovereign Grand Commander John A. Bourne in Thunder Bay, September 12, 1991.

Throughout all his Masonic career, Gordon very seldom missed a Blue Lodge or Scottish Rite meeting.

Gordon suffered a stroke in October, 2015, from which he never recovered - finally succumbing to another on March 21, just eight days short of his eighty-seventh birthday.

# ILL. BRO. GERALD (BARRIE) MACLELLAN, 33°



It is with great sadness that the family of Gerald "Barrie" MacLellan announced that he passed away in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, on August 28, 2016 with family by his side. Barrie was born in New Glasgow, October 7, 1940 and resided in the Rockingham area of Halifax for the past 38 years. He was the only son of the late Margret "Peg" Constance MacLellan and was predeceased by his wife, Clara and stepson, Butch. Barrie will be sadly missed by his sons, Christopher (Nancy) and Craig (Becky); as well as his stepchildren, Kim Turple (Rick Hatfield), Darrin Butcher (Ann), and Lisa Butcher. He will be missed by his grandchildren, Jordan, Philip, Sarah, Jacob, Emily, Travis, Sarah, Cole, Jarrett, and great-grandson, Ben.

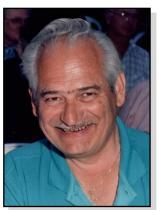
Barrie worked for the Province of Nova Scotia, Department of Environment, for 27 years. He was very active in the Government Employees Union and served on the Board of Directors. He was also very active with Port City Counseling and had served on its Board of Directors.

Those of us, who knew Barrie well, know how much he dedicated his life to "The Lodge" where he was a Mason since 1969. Barrie was active in various branches of Masonry and held many offices in the following: Craft Masonry, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Capitulary Masonry, Cryptic Masonry, Knights Templar, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest, York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Knights of The York Cross of Honour, Constantine Masonry, and Order of the Secret Monitor.

In the Scottish Rite Barrie was a well-respected member of the Halifax Valley. He joined Victoria Lodge of Perfection in 1970, Keith Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix and Nova Scotia Sovereign Consistory in 1972. He served Victoria Lodge of Perfection as TPGM in 1987 and was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General in Halifax in 2006.

We will cherish his memory.

# ILL. BRO. MacGREGOR LESLIE (MAC) MARCELLUS, 33°



The Valley of Barrie lost a most dedicated and respected member with the passing of Mac Marcellus on May 15, 2016.

Born in Russell, Ontario in 1928, Mac was a teacher in Morewood and then in Barrie from 1957 to his retirement. Mac and Orphie retired to Vineland where they have lived for many years. Father of two boys, and stepfather to two boys, Mac was also a grandfather of eleven and great-grandfather of four.

An avid square dancer, Mac taught and called square dancing for 40 years.

Mac was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Russell Lodge No. 479 in 1953 and 1954. After moving to Barrie he Affiliated with Kerr Lodge

No. 230. He was a member and TPGM of the Barrie Lodge of Perfection (1966), a member and MWS of the Spry Chapter of Rose Croix (1971), a member of Moore Sovereign Consistory (1965) and a Charter Member (1977), original Officer, and the 5th Commander in Chief of the Barrie Consistory (1981). Mac was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1973.

Mac Marcellus remained a faithful supporter of the Valley of Barrie, and he will be missed.

# ILL. BRO. ERNEST (ERNIE) HENRY MASKELL, 33°



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ernest Henry Maskell, 33° at Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie, Ontario, on September 27, 2015, with his loving wife Audrey at his side a day after they celebrated their 73 wedding anniversary.

Ernie was born on February 8, 1922 in Poplar, England and came to Canada with his family in 1925. Ernie attended Fort Erie Secondary School, where he was a successful track and field athlete, excelling in the hurdles. In 1942, he married the love of his life, Audrey Foreman. Shortly after their marriage, Ernie set off for England, where he served with Royal Canadian Air Force through the duration of World War II. In 1945, Ernie and Audrey returned and settled permanently in Fort Erie. Ernie worked at Fleet Industries before being hired by Mr. Gordon

Glenny as a General Insurance Agent. His hard work and dedication to his career was rewarded when he became an owner of Glenny Insurance Broker Limited.

According to Ernie, Niagara was the most perfect place on earth. He dedicated himself to the Town of Fort Erie and his community as a willing volunteer: a Member of the Kinsmen Club of Fort Erie, a Trustee of the Niagara District School Board, a member of the Douglas Memorial Hospital Board, a driver for the Cancer Society, a donor to the Red Cross and an active member of his beloved Central Avenue United Church. Ernie walked his talk. He believed in his family and his town. In 1955 he and Audrey built their home at 256 Highland Avenue and used that as base camp for 58 years where family gathered for barbeques, holidays, and special events; and where friends came for libation, laughs, and games of bridge.

Ernie became a member of Palmer Lodge #372 in 1957 and was a 58-year member. He joined the Niagara Valley Scottish Rite on October 25, 1973 and was very active in both the Elgin Lodge of Perfection and the Niagara Chapter Rose Croix for many years. He received his 32nd Degree at the Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton in 1975 and also had the honour of receiving an Honorary Inspector General 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada in the late 1980's.

# ILL. BRO. HILARY FRANCIS JOHN MAVIN, 33°



On Sunday, January 10, 2016, Chatham Valley bid farewell to our Brother Hilary Mavin as he passed to the GLA in his 90th year. Bro. Mavin was predeceased by his wife Barbara several years ago.

Hilary and Barbara were the proud parents of John (Jacqueline) and the very proud grandparents of Katherine and Richard, all of North Vancouver.

Hilary came to Chatham, Ontario in 1959 as a Secondary School teacher, where he continued to teach until his retirement in 1988.

Our Bro. Mavin was initiated into Victory Lodge #563 October 15, 1963, passed November 19 and raised February 25, 1964. During his long and faithful career in Masonry Hilary worked his way through the

chairs and was Master of Victory Lodge in 1973. He extended his Craft Lodge journey when he became DDGM for Chatham District in1986. While Hilary was healthy he was always active in his Mother Lodge.

On April 6, 1965 Hilary joined Chatham Valley Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection, moving on to Chapter Rose Croix in October 1966. Hilary became a member of Moore Sovereign Consistory in May, 1975. He worked his way through the chairs in LOP and was TPGM in1981. A few years later he became the Grand Secretary / Registrar, a position he held for many years.

Bro. Mavin was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General in 1994.

# ILL. BRO. DUNCAN JOHN MCFADGEN, 33°



III. Bro. Duncan John McFadgen was born on September 17, 1922. On February 23, 2016, he passed to the Grand Lodge above. Duncan joined Burlington Lodge No. 165 on April 11, 1951 and was passed and raised in that Lodge as well, receiving his 3rd Degree on October 31, 1951. He served as Worshipful Master of Burlington Lodge in 1964. He was also a charter member of Wellington Square Lodge No. 725 and served as its first Worshipful Master in 1973. Duncan served as District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District A in 1980-1981. He also served as Treasurer of Heritage Lodge No. 730 for many years.

Duncan joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 1, 1965, the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 8, 1971 and

Moore Sovereign Consistory on November 11, 1972. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General of Supreme Council on September 13, 2001 at the Annual Session in London. Duncan was also very active in the York Rite and was initiated into King David Chapter No. 262 R.A.M. on May 27, 1974. He served as Most Puissant Sovereign of Harington Conclave No. 16 in 1998-1999. Duncan also served as President of the Past Master's Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts in 1977-1978 and as President of the Right Worshipful Brethren Association of the Hamilton Masonic Districts in 1990-1991. He was a Director of the Burlington Masonic Temple Association for twenty-six years serving as Secretary for nineteen of those years.

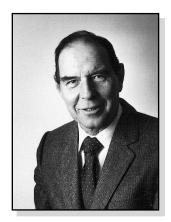
Duncan was also active in the Order of the Eastern Star having served as Worthy Patron of Lakeview Chapter No. 79 for two, one-year terms and as a Trustee of Grand Chapter (OES) for six years. He also served for many years as a Director of the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation (OES).

During World War 2, Duncan served as a Wireless Telecommunications Technician from 1942 to 1946. He served overseas in Northwest Europe in that capacity from 1944 to 1946. He was employed by Ontario Hydro as a Power Switchboard Operator from 1940 to 1981 and was active in the Ontario Hydro Retirees Association (Hamilton District) and served on the executive of that group for a number of years. He was a member of Wellington Square United Church (formerly Trinity United Church) from 1954 until the time of his death and served on the Board of Trustees. He also served as a Director of Halton Helping Hands. In 1991 Duncan was presented with the Burlington Post/Air Canada Heart of Gold Award for his many years of community service.

Duncan is survived by his wife Sophie whom he married on January 4, 1947, and by his three children and five grandchildren. He was a faithful member of the Valley of Hamilton and will be greatly missed.

Time waits for no man and we must all answer the call. Farewell true and faithful friend of Masonry and mankind.

# ILL. BRO. JOHN JOSEPH MCGOWAN, 33°



The Valley of Barrie was saddened with the passing of one of its most respected and dedicated members, Ill. Bro. John McGowan, a friend and mentor to all who knew him. John passed away in Barrie on December 17, 2015. A Masonic Service was held on Tuesday, December 23 with a very large gathering of MasoCns and friends. A warm and personal eulogy was given during the church service by a close Masonic friend.

III. Bro. McGowan was born in Brampton, Ontario on September 26, 1929 and the family was living in Limehouse. They moved to Barrie, Ontario in 1939 where his parents operated the McGowan General store. John received his elementary and secondary education in Barrie.

John married Margaret Jean McKenzie Sept. 8, 1951 and they were blessed with 4 children, Nancy Kelly (Jim); Jim McGowan (Debbie), Linda Shultz (Bryan) and Tom McGowan (Sue) and had 11 Grand Children and 12 Great Grand Children. John's hobbies included hunting and fishing. He was President for many years of the Barrie Hunt Club and entertained many friends in his ice hut on Lake Simcoe.

He was a partner in Barrie Wholesale Ltd. from 1947 to 1977 then continued until he retired as a sales representative with Stewart Wholesale Ltd.

He was a member of St. Georges Anglican Church since 1939 having served as Missions Secretary, Chairman of Sidesmen, Deputy Warden and Peoples Warden and President of the Men's Club.

John was Initiated in Corinthian Lodge No 96 G.R.C. on October 6, 1955, Passed January 8, 1956 and raised March 8, 1956. John served as Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge in 1965.

He received the 14th degree on March 27, 1963 (Barrie Lodge of Perfection), the 18th degree December 3, 1966 (Spry Chapter Rose Croix) and the 32nd degree May 8, 1976 (Moore Sovereign Consistory). John became a Charter Member of the Barrie Consistory on May 11, 1977. He served for many years as the Almoner for the Valley of Barrie. A faithful supporter of all Valley activities, John also served as the Director of the 4th degree and Co-director of the 16th degree.

III. Bro. McGowan was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 13, 1984 in Edmonton. He was initiated into the Royal of Scotland in 2001 and served a Grand Sword Bearer. He will be missed.

# ILL. BRO. FRANCIS EDWARD MCKEE, 33°



Illustrious Brother Francis McKee, at the age of 92, passed away peacefully at Royal Inland Hospital, with family by his side on March 10, 2016.

Brother McKee was initiated in Kamloops Lodge #10 on March 31, 1952, Passed: May 29, 1952, Raised: July 15, 1952. Brother McKee was Worshipful Maser of Kamloops Lodge #10 in 1962 and District Deputy Grand Master of District #3 in 1976.

Brother McKee joined the Valley of Vernon in 1962 and received his 32nd Degree from BC Consistory on October 3, 1964. He was MWS of Thompson Chapter Rose Croix in 1984. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General on September 11, 1986. Brother McKee was the Valley of Kamloops Representative for the Scottish Rite

Charitable Foundation for many years.

Brother McKee was also a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Arch, the Royal Order of Scotland and Past President of the Kamloops Shrine Club.

He was born on September 3, 1923 in Radisson, Saskatchewan and grew up on the family farm in Sonningdale. Due to a head injury he was not accepted in any branch of the Armed Services during WWII. He came to Kamloops in 1945.

Francis was involved in many enterprises: part owner of Kamloops Mercantile Menswear for four years, owner of Artlite Studio from 1951 to 1965 with Daisy, silent partner in the David Thompson Hotel and Encore Jewelers. In 1965 he began a 35-year career in Real Estate.

In 1965 property at the Shuswap was purchased which created many happy memories but left little time for the fishing which he loved. He was happy to volunteer at many fundraising events and charities. Francis was a Rotarian and belonged to the Rotary Club of Kamloops. He was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Francis and Daisy had three children, Brad, Erin and Caroline of Berkeley, as well 2 Grandsons Collin and Ian.

After retiring he produced many beautiful and functional woodworking items in his shop, which included entrance loveseats, bowls crafted from many different woods, salt shakers and pepper mills from juniper wood and also several foot stools of juniper with Queen Anne legs of which he was very proud.

Francis will be missed for his spontaneous jokes and teasing.

May the winds of love blow gently, and whisper so you can hear, that we will always love and miss you, and wish that you were here.

# ILL. BRO. VERN ALEXANDER OTTO, 33°



III. Bro. Vern Otto passed to the Grand Lodge above on June 19, 2016, in Stettler, Alberta at the age of 73 years. Vern is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jean, his daughters Brenda and Leslie, his son Dean and his eight grandchildren.

Vern was born in Kindersley, Saskatchewan. When he was six the family moved to Lacombe, Alberta where Vern spent the rest of his life. He had many jobs but farming was his career.

Vern's passion was racing and over the years he raced stock cars in Red Deer, Alberta, where he held the track record, late model cars in Calmar, Alberta, and sprint cars in Leduc, Alberta. He was also a huge NASCAR fan.

Vern was very active in the community. He helped form the Lacombe Antique Tractor Club and served on the executive for years. He was a member of the Lacombe and District Historical Society for many years and served as President for four years. He was recognised for his diligent work resulting in having several town buildings designated as heritage sites.

Vern was raised in Eureka Lodge #10, Lacombe, Alberta on March 27, 1979 and served as Master twice. He joined Scottish Rite in 1980 and was a long-time and respected member of Central Alberta Lodge of Perfection 14°, which he served faithfully as Secretary for over 20 years. He belonged to Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix and Alberta Consistory in Edmonton. He was coroneted Honorary Inspector General 33° in 2004. Vern served the Grand Lodge of Alberta as DDGM and Grand Steward. Vern belonged to the Lacombe Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and served twice as Worthy Patron.

Everyone who knew Vern will miss him as he was always the "Go To Man" and seemed to look after everything that needed to be done.

#### ILL. BRO. EARL JOSEPH PARKER. 33°



III. Bro. Earl J. Parker was born on March 11, 1920 and passed peacefully on April 24, 2016.

Earl was born, raised and educated in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, where he met the love of his life, Audrey King and they were married in 1941. They have two daughters, Linda and Leigh and subsequently, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

At the time of their marriage, and among other postings, Earl was based in Regina, serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force. At the end of the War they relocated to Vancouver Island, seeking other work opportunities and eventually settling in Campbell River in 1947 where Earl worked as a public accountant from 1946 – 1952, then as a

Chartered Accountant from 1952 to his retirement in 1985.

Earl Parker was always very community oriented, being active in a number of local service organizations and community projects, not the least of which was the Kinsmen Club, joining in 1945, President in 1952, and member until 1960. He was Treasurer of the Campbell River Recreation Association from 1955 – 1965.

In the interim, he became very involved in Craft Masonry. Earl was initiated in 1951, passed and raised in Hiram Lodge No. 14, in 1951-1952, was made a Royal Arch Mason in Cyrus Chapter No. 10 in 1957, a Royal and Select Master in Alpha Council No. 11 in 1981, a Knight Templar in Bethlehem Preceptory No. 69 in 1959.

Additionally, Bro. Earl Parker was a founding member of Discovery Lodge No. 149, which was Constituted in 1953. He was Master of that Lodge in 1959/60, Secretary from 1968-1978, Grand Steward 1978/79, and District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 22 in 1988/89. He served as Treasurer of the Discovery Masonic Temple Association from 1951 to 1987 – 36 years.

In Scottish Rite Earl received the 4° in 1959, 18° in 1961, and the 32° degree in September 1961 in BC Consistory. III. Bro. Earl Parker was Coroneted an Honourary Inspector General 33° in 1988 in Vancouver, by III. Bro. Gordon L. Bennett, 33°. He was one of three of the organizing members of Strathcona Lodge of Perfection, 1981/82 and was its Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 1984/85.

III. Bro. Earl Parker was received into the Royal Order of Scotland at the Provincial Grand Lodge of B.C. & Yukon in 1989.

He was very involved with the Shrine (under Gizeh Temple – Vancouver) as a charter member of the Campbell River Shrine Club No. 22 and was Hospital representative for disadvantaged children in the city.

As a Mason, he understood the desire of the Charity lecture, to help where he could, to offer service where he could, to make society better where he could. His legacy of service and accomplishment will live for many years.

A memorial service was held in Campbell River in early May with family and many brethren and friends attending.

# ILL. BRO. JOHN GERALD PELL, 33°



The Valley of Ottawa lost one of its greatest characters on July 6, 2016 with the passing of III. Bro. Jack Pell, 33° who died at the age of 85 after years of declining health.

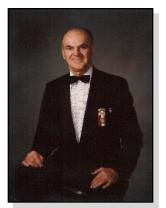
Among his many roles, III. Bro. Pell, with his flowing beard, made an imposing King Cyrus in the 15th degree and delivered the explanation of the Word in the 14th.

He was married to his wife Helen for 60 years and they had four children and five grandchildren. He graduated with a BComm after taking evening classes at Carleton University in 1965 and in 1967 he joined Statistics Canada, where he had a 30-year career. In 1985 he was named Stats Can employee of the year.

III. Bro. Pell was initiated, passed and raised in the Lodge of Fidelity No. 231 beginning in 1952. He served as Master in 1973-74 and was DDGM of Ottawa 1 in 1980-81. He served as TPGM in the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection as well as Treasurer for the Valley. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General in 1993. III. Bro. Pell was also a charter member of Luxor Daylight Lodge No. 741, a Past Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons Ottawa District 13, a Past Potentate of Tunis Shrine No. 179 and the recipient of the Grand Lodge Meritorious Service Award.

He was particularly active in the Shrine and for nine years he served on the Board of Governors of the Shriners Burn Hospital in Boston.

# ILL. BRO. KEITH BASIL PETTIGREW, 33°



Illustrious Brother Basil Pettigrew - 87, of Cambridge, Kings County, formerly of Kentville, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2015 at home. Born in Newville, Cumberland County in 1928, he was the eldest son of the late Basil and Ruby (Graham) Pettigrew. He worked at the local hardware store in Springhill while going to secondary school and then drove for Acadia Lines. Keith was employed for a period of time as a sales representative for Eastern Bakery then accepted a job with the Baird Drug Company in 1958. In 1967 he formed PMed Supplies Limited, operating it until 1988 when he sold it to Atlantic Wholesalers.

Keith was an active member of Masonic Lodge #58 in Kentville, serving as Worshipful Master in 1974 and also as a Grand Lodge

Officer on two occasions. He was a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, Philae Temple in Halifax and was a Scottish Rite Mason where he proudly received his 33rd degree. He was knighted a member of the Royal Order of Scotland with jurisdiction over Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. He was a proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star, being a member of Evangeline Chapter #15 and serving as Worthy Patron on four occasions. He was elected as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in 1985-86.

Keith enjoyed all aspects of Masonry and was an excellent ritualist. His influence in the lodge room was a result of his vast knowledge and experience, and his polished and well prepared work. He influenced and guided many Brothers in search of Light in Masonry. His devotion to the Supreme Architect of the Universe is a testimony to his zeal and fidelity.

Keith is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Donna Brown, New Minas; Janice Pettigrew, Pugwash; Eric Pettigrew (Susan), Bridgewater; Barbara Harnish (Chris), Ontario; Paul Pettigrew (Tina Wambolt), Cambridge; son-in-law, Lyal Wooster, Kentville; daughter-in-law, Anne Keddy Pettigrew, Steam Mill; sisters, Kathleen Pettigrew, Amherst; Karen (Henry) Smith, Pugwash; brother, Kenneth (Catherine), Osgoode; eight grandchildren, Lisa, Michelle, Kimberly, Ken, Mallory, Ashton, Sonya and Hilary; nine great grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Keith was predeceased by his first wife, Winifred (Henwood) (1963), his second wife, Elizabeth (Schofield) (2008); sons-in-law, Ken Brown (2007) and Garth Wooster (2014).

A combined Order of the Eastern Star service, Masonic Lodge service and funeral service, was held on November 20, with the Rev. Ivan Norton officiating.

A combined Order of the Eastern Star service, Masonic Lodge service and funeral service was held on Friday, November 20 at the White Family Funeral Home in Kentville.

# ILL. BRO. HENRY ARTHUR (ART) RATCLIFF, 33°



III. Bro. Ratcliff passed to the Grand Lodge above on December 6, 2015, at the age of 86 years. Art was pre-deceased by his wife, Wilma Joyce Ratcliff and his son Warren in 1964. He leaves to cherish his memory his three children, Jennifer Alwyn (Joe) Buckler, Trevor (Melanie) and Alistair. Left to carry on his legacy are his grandchildren, Warren(Carla) Buckler, Ian Buckler, Charlotte Ratcliff, Emily Ratcliff and David Ratcliff. The lights of Art's life were his two great grandsons, Kaedan and Cooper Buckler. He greatly appreciated time spent with his "other" granddaughter, Paloma.

Art had a six-year career with the Edmonton Police Force, before moving to Medicine Hat where he had a 30-year career with the Medicine Hat Police Service.

Art was born June 23, 1929 in Edmonton Alberta. He was initiated February 11, 1964, in Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, passed March 10 and raised a Master Mason on May 25, 1964. He received his 4th degree, in March, 1972 and his 14th degree November 4, 1972 in the Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Medicine Hat. He was Worshipful Master of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 in 1974. He received his 18th degree in Chinook Chapter Rose Croix, Valley of Lethbridge and his 32nd degree November 5, 1980 in South Alta Consistory, Valley of Calgary, Alberta. He was Thrice Puissant Grand Master of Medicine Hat Lodge of Perfection in 1983. He was District Deputy Grand Master in District No. 2 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta 1987-88. He received the Royal Order of Scotland in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Alberta September 28, 1996, in Calgary. He was Worthy Patron of Murray Chapter #58 Medicine Hat in 2002. He was coroneted 33rd Degree Honorary Inspector-General September 12, 2002 in Saint John, New Brunswick by Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother Norman E. Byrne, 33°.

Art was also a member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. He was president of the local Chapter of Brotherhood of Anglican Churchman. He was a dedicated Canvasser for the Salvation Army Kettles at Christmas time and portrayed Santa Clause at many Children's Functions. Art was also a Cub Leader for the Boy Scouts of Canada.

Although he was wheel chair bound and living at the Good Sam Assisted Living facility, Illustrious Brother Art faithfully attended St. Ambrose Anglican Church in Redcliff, Alberta. He would take the Handy bus early in the morning and arrive back at Good Sam's in time for lunch. In fact, on the day that he passed away, he sang a solo for the Church Service in the morning and was looking forward to spending Christmas with his Daughter Jennifer in Lethbridge.

# ILL. BRO. BEVERLEY (BEV) GRAHAM ROBERTS, 33°



It was a huge loss for Masonry, Scottish Rite, Order of the Eastern Star and the entire Muskoka community when beloved III. Bro. Beverley (Bev) Graham Roberts, passed to the Grand Lodge Above on February 19, 2016. He was born on June 9, 1929 and pursued his career of carpenter and builder right up to recent years in his birthplace, Milford Bay, on the shore of Muskoka Lake. He served his local community as a member of the volunteer fire Department for 51 Years.

Bev was initiated into Masonry in Muskoka Lodge April 3, 1951, passed to the second degree May 29, 1951 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason June 24, 1952; serving as Worshipful

Master in 1974 and District Deputy Grand Master of Muskoka Parry Sound in 1988/1989. He joined the Barrie Lodge of Perfection on October 30, 1974, Rose Croix November 27, 1974 and was a charter member of the Barrie Consistory June 3, 1977, serving as its Commander-in-Chief in 2003. The Valley of Barrie honoured III. Bro. Roberts for his long service by dedicating the 2012 spring reunions in recognition of his work and commitment to the Valley. He was coroneted a 33° Honorary Inspector General on September 16, 1999 in Niagara Falls, Ontario by Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother Glenn M. Martin, 33°.

Bev's dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star was renowned. He served as Worthy Patron 7 times, rarely missing a meeting. Here, as well as in Masonry, he delivered many lengthy and complicated lectures with great eloquence.

Bev leaves Joyce, his wife of 64 years, son Stephen, daughters-in-law Cathy and Diana, predeceased by son Randy. Masonic and Eastern Star Memorial Services were held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Milford Bay Community Centre and were followed by a celebration of Bev's life.

# ILL. BRO. ROBERT (BOB) EDWARD ROSS, 33°



III. Bro. Bob Ross, 33° passed to the Grand Lodge above November 3, 2015 in Ponoka, Alberta at the age of 86 years.

Bob is survived by his wife of 63 years, Doreen, his daughter Mary Ross (James O'Keefe), his son Blake Ross (Carla Rishartz-Ross, his daughter Nancy Ross (Edward Chan), and his 5 grandchildren.

Bob was born and raised in the Ponoka area and for many years was a farmer in the area. In 1981 he turned the farm over to his son and became a real estate agent and land appraiser.

Bob was very active in the community as a Past president of Kinsmen and K-40 and Past Secretary/Treasurer Ponoka Co-op Livestock Association. He also coached Minor Hockey, Baseball, and

Gymnastics.

Bob was raised in Britannia Lodge #18, Ponoka, Alberta on April 1, 1970. He joined Scottish Rite in 1979 and was a long-time respected member of Central Alberta Lodge of Perfection 14°, which he served faithfully. He belonged to Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix and Alberta Consistory in Edmonton. He was coroneted Honorary Inspector General 33° on September 12, 1996 in Calgary, Alberta by Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother Harold E. Crosby, 33°.

Bob served the Grand Lodge of Alberta as DDGM, Chairman of the Spring Workshop Committee and as a Grand Representative to Delaware. He was a member of the Battle River Shrine in Ponoka, a Charter member of Al Shamal Shrine in Edmonton, Alberta, and served on the Ponoka Fire Truck Unit for many years. Bob belonged to the Ponoka Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and was appointed Grand Representative to Vermont.

Everyone who knew Bob will miss him as he had a great zest for life, gave all of his activities the utmost effort, and was never without a smile.

# ILL. BRO. CHARLES (CHARLIE) BERTRAM RYCROFT, 33°



III. Bro. Charles (Charlie) Bertram Rycroft passed peacefully at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 with family at his side. Born October 7, 1924 in Whitby, second child of Charles Bramley Rycroft and Eugenie Hannon and sister to Violet (predeceased). Married for 66 years to Eleanor May Gouldburn (predeceased 2012) and lifelong resident of Whitby, Ontario, Charles leaves his children Sandra (Clare) Metselaar, John (Mary) Rycroft and Donald (Kathy) Rycroft, grandchildren Juliana (Scott) Cline, Dr. Jennifer Rycroft and husband Mark Kowgier, Lindsay Rycroft and Matthew Rycroft, great-grandsons Marshall Charles Cline and Sidney Edward Kowgier, many nieces and nephews.

III. Bro. Rycroft served in the Canadian Army and the R.C.A.F. from 1943 to 1946. Following this Charlie went on to a business career that started with the Canadian Bank of Commerce until 1951 and then to manufacturing with Pal-O-Pak Manufacturing Company Ltd. from 1951 until 1980 from which he retired after being President from 1974 to 1980. He also spent time selling real estate and even had a stint as an undercover liquor licence agent. Charlie said he just "basically kept going" and worked at a variety of different jobs until finally calling it quits when he was 82.

Volunteering was very important to Charlie. He was the President of the Ontario Regiment, an active member of All Saints' Anglican Church Whitby, President of the Rotary Club of Whitby (Paul Harris Fellow), President of the Whitby YMCA, director of the Whitby Chamber of Commerce and served as the Ontario Civilian Commissioner of Police Services among countless others activities including his weekly volunteering at the Royal Canadian Legion, which he continued to do even after his 90th birthday.

In 2012, Charlie and his late wife, Eleanor, were both recipients of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for exemplary service to their community.

In 2014 III. Bro. Rycroft was recognized by the City of Whitby with the Peter Perry Award, the Whitby Mayor's Senior Volunteer Award. The honour is presented annually to a person 55 years of age or older who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the community through volunteer endeavours.

III. Bro. Rycroft's Masonic journey began on March 27, 1950 when he was initiated into Composite Lodge No. 30 G.R.C. He was passed on September 22, 1950 and raised on October 30, 1950. Charlie served as Worshipful Master in 1957. He was the 106th DDGM of Ontario District in 1961 and at that time, was the youngest to have served that office in Ontario District.

III. Bro. Rycroft's Scottish Rite journey began when he joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection on October 23, 1967. He received his 18th degree on January 16, 1974 in the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix and his 32nd Degree on May 11, 1974 in Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton. Charlie served as TPGM of the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection in 1979. He participated in a number of degrees and as a Director. Charlie was also a member of Rameses Shrine.

III. Bro. Rycroft received his 33rd Degree on September 9, 1982 in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

# ILL. BRO. DONALD (SANDY) LEON SANDISON, 33°



On June 18, 2016 one of Brant Masonic Districts most loved and respected masons passed away at the home of his daughter in Burlington, Ontario.

III. Bro. Sandison was known by all as "Sandy" Sandison. He was born May 29, 1922 in Deseronto, Ontario. His working career in the Brantford PUC water filtration plant began as a maintenance mechanic, and he retired as a Supervisor after 36 years of service in 1983.

Sandy and his family enjoyed many summers at their cottage at Bucks Park in Port Dover.

Sandy was initiated into Reba Lodge No. 515, Brantford June 9, 1944, serving as Worshipful Master in 1959 and District Deputy Grand Master of Brant Masonic District in 1978. He was an affiliated member of St. John's Lodge No. 82 Paris, Ontario and Heritage Lodge No. 730 G.R.C. of Cambridge, Ontario. Sandy was a 72-year mason and received his 70-year service pin from the Grand Master in 2014 at a special celebration evening in Paris, Ontario attended by many past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers.

In Scottish Rite masonry Sandy was a 69-year member. He received his 14th degree in Murton Lodge of Perfection, Hamilton, Ontario, May 13, 1947, 18th degree in Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, on April 14, 1949 and his 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton, Ontario November 11, 1949. He was Coroneted Honorary Inspector-General 33 degree, of Supreme Council A.A.S.R. of Canada September 17, 1998 in Montreal, Quebec.

In his concordant bodies he was a member of Brant Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 20 R.A.M. Past Patron of Brant Chapter O.E.S., Past Watchman of Unity Shrine No. 14, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Member of the Brantford Shrine Club, Mocha Temple, London, Ontario.

Sandy was a Past President of Brantford Scottish Rite Association and Past Masters and Wardens Association of Brant District.

He was a faithful member and former Elder of Fairview United Church in Brantford, Ontario.

Loving husband of Betty Fowler (1981) and Marian Sykes (2013), precious Dad of Denise and Debbie, eight Grandchildren and five Great Grandchildren.

He was highly esteemed in every corner of this Province, his wise counsel was regarded and sought out by many of the leaders of our fraternity both past and present. He exemplified the attributes that we as Masons admire most in a man. His peers and brethren referred to Sandy as "Mr. Mason".

We all have many wonderful memories of Sandy which we must hold dear in our hearts and cherish: just as he cherished each one of us.

# ILL. BRO. KENNETH LLOYD SCHWEITZER, 33°



The Scottish Rite Valley of Hamilton lost another stalwart member with the passing of Kenneth Lloyd Schweitzer on April 14, 2016. Ken began his Masonic journey in Electric Lodge No. 495 on November 30, 1948. He was also passed and raised in Electric Lodge receiving his Third Degree on April 26, 1949. In January of 1957, Ken affiliated with Hillcrest Lodge No. 594 and remained active in that Lodge for the rest of his life. He served as Worshipful Master of Hillcrest Lodge in both 1967 and 1977. He also affiliated with King Solomon Lodge No. 329 in Jarvis in 1984 and served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1987. Ken was appointed Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials in 1984. He faithfully assisted in the Grand Lodge offices for many years until fairly recently when health concerns

precluded his continued involvement.

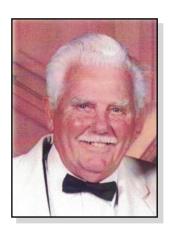
Ken joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 7, 1978. He subsequently joined the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 12, 1979 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on November 10, 1979. He was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 10, 1987 at the Annual Session in Windsor, Ontario. He served the Hamilton Valley as Vice-Chairman of Staging for many years.

Ken was born on April 3, 1923 in Kitchener, Ontario. He served in the Canadian Forces in WWII in both the Army and Air Force. He was a member of Chalmers Presbyterian Church where he was extremely active for many years. Ken was employed by Canadian Westinghouse for over thirty-seven years.

He was predeceased by his wife Wilma and is survived by his three sons and one daughter. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The members of the Valley of Hamilton have many fond memories of Ken and he will be greatly missed.

# ILL. BRO. WILLIAM IB ELI (BILL) SHOLLERT, 33°



It is with deep sadness that we record the passing of III. Bro. William Ib Eli (Bill) Shollert. He passed away peacefully on April 20, 2016 in Langley, B.C. If there was one word to describe III. Bro. Shollert, it would be "outgoing". Through his vocation, his involvement in community, and caring for his family, Bill's gregarious nature exhibited a love for his fellow human being.

III. Bro. Shollert was born on August 30, 1924 in Copenhagen, Denmark. He immigrated to Canada as a child and grew up in his new homeland by insisting to be called Bill, rather than Ib Eli.

Bill met his wife, Verna Mary (nee Metcalfe), on Bowen Island, during the summer of 1942. As born and raised Vancouverites, Verna's family vacationed every year on Bowen Island. Bill met the love of his

life, however; WWII interrupted their "I do's". Four years later, upon his return from the war, Bill proposed to Verna and they were inseparable for 66 years. Bill and Verna first made their home in Vancouver, then in North Vancouver, and eventually retired in Langley.

III Bro. Shollert served in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) where he was posted to an RAF Squadron in Lancaster, England as a tail gunner in WWII. He had one tour of operations flying over Europe.

Upon his return from WWII, III Bro. Shollert began a career as an optician. His business included London Optical located in North Vancouver. Bill was also member of the Canadian Guild of Dispensing Opticians of British Columbia and Canada.

III. Bro. Shollert was a proud member of Masonic order. He was Worshipful Master for Capilano Lodge #164 in 1965. In 1974 he served as Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of BC. III Bro Shollert was given Honorary Membership of Washington Lodge #4 in USA in 1975. April 30, 1979 was the initiation date of our brother's membership into the Red Cross of Constantine. 1984 and 1985 saw our brother serve as the Chair of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia Communications. Similarly, 1985, 1986, 1987 were the years of service as the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Library Board. 1985 was also the year of service as the District Deputy Grand Master of Districct #24 and the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark. III Bro. Shollert was an active member of A&ASR holding many offices including Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Valley of Vancouver, Lodge of Perfection, in 1987. III Bro. Shollert was a 33° Honorary Inspector-General in addition to holding the position of Most Puissant Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine, in 1988. He was installed as a knight or the Royal Order of Scotland and held the position of Potentate, 1994, for Shriners of British Columbia and Yukon.

More importantly, Ill Bro. Shollert was a caring father to surviving daughters Carol and Judy (Chris) and "Gramps" to Kristy and Leah. He is also survived by son Dan (Kelly) and grandchildren Kelly-Anne, Nicole, and Ryan. Bill passed on April 20, 2016 and is now back in the arms of the love of his life, Verna, his wife of 66 years who predeceased him in 2012.

A memorial service was held on May 17 at Gizeh Shrine Temple, Burnaby, British Columbia. Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit

# ILL. BRO. RICHARD (RICK) GORDON SKINNER, 33°



The Valley of Hamilton was shocked and saddened at the passing of Ill. Bro. Richard Gordon Skinner, 33° on September 29, 2015. Rick joined the Lodge of Strict Observance No.27 in Hamilton on February 16, 1979. He was passed and raised in The Lodge of Strict Observance as well and served as Worshipful Master in 1987, 2012 and 2013. He served the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario as Assistant Grand Secretary in 1991 -1992.

Rick joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on May 6, 1980. He subsequently joined the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 16, 1981 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 8, 1982. He served as Most Wise Sovereign of the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix in 1990 and 1991. Rick was coroneted an Honorary

Inspector General on September 10, 1992 at the annual session of Supreme Council in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. At the time of his death, Rick was serving as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland. He was also a member of the Rameses Shrine Temple in Toronto.

Rick was born February 2, 1951, raised and educated in Hamilton. He was a lifelong member of Ryerson United Church where he served as an Elder. Rick was married to Barbara Haslam in 1973. He worked alongside Barb and his father Gordon at their family practice, Skinner Opticians on John Street North. Rick and Barb worked together with Medical Ministry International Canada to collect and dispense prescription eyeglasses to restore the sight of those in need in seventeen developing countries. Rick served as the Optical Coordinator of Medical Ministry International Canada. He also served as President of the Niagara Chapter of

the Ontario Association of Dispensing Opticians and as Vice-President of the Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers.

Rick is survived by his wife Barbara and his son Matthew, daughter Leanne as well as four grandchildren. The Valley of Hamilton has many fond memories of Rick but we will sorely miss him.

# ILL. BRO. WILLIAM LANG STIRLING, 33°



It was with great sadness that Craft and Scottish Rite Masons of British Columbia and Yukon heard of the death of Ill. Bro. William Lang Stirling,33°. The contribution of this Mason has been enormous in the jurisdiction over the many years that he was affiliated with Freemasonry. A scholar, a man of great integrity, his passing is a great loss.

III. Bro. Stirling was born in Vancouver, British Columbia on October 3, 1918. He was the son of Scottish immigrants and his early days were humble beginnings. He was schooled in Selkirk High School, where he graduated at the age of sixteen. He was a scholar from the start, reading furiously any and all books, especially those of history. He attended the University of British Columbia reading History. Following

his graduation, he taught at the Burnaby High School for about two years. He was fluent in French and it is possible that he taught that subject as well. He corresponded with a boy living in France and letters they sent to each other were written partly in English, and partly in French. Bro. Bill was also trained as a classical pianist reaching high levels in the Royal College of Music.

By 1940, Bro. Stirling signed up with the Canadian Army Infantry, Patricia Pats Regiment between 1940 - 1946 and fought in Italy, France and other European countries. He was wounded in Italy. Even though he was discharged from the Army he remained an active member of the Canadian Militia, associated with a New Westminster Regiment, until 1964.

Following the war, Bro. Stirling met and married Nan, in 1945. It was at this time that he decided to re-enter university to study as a lawyer. Nan worked while he went to university. They had two children, Ian, born 1947, and Janet born 1953.

Upon qualifying with LL.B in 1950, Bro. Stirling began working for Vancouver City legal department. In 1954, he was appointed as the first Solicitor for the City of Burnaby and continued with the City until his retirement in 1983. He was a member of the BC Law Society and Canadian Bar Association. During the work in Burnaby, he was approached by the Province to head the Provincial Prosecutors Office but declined. His interests, as well as his work with Burnaby, were very satisfying for him. For him it was not so much about status but about commitments.

Bro. Bill was heavily involved with soccer, being the Secretary of the Canadian Soccer Association 1973 - 1982, supporting amateur soccer locally and attending the Olympic Games in Japan and Argentina as a representative of Canadian Soccer management team.

Both III. Bro. Bill's parents were involved in Freemasonry, his father a past master, and his mother a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Records in the family identify that his grandfather was also a Mason. III. Bro. Stirling was initiated, passed and raised in Composite Lodge No. 76 Grand Registry of British Columbia and Yukon in 1951. He served as Master in 1960-1961. He later served as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 16 in 1971-9172.

He was elected as Junior Grand Warden in 1975, and served as the Grand Master of the jurisdiction inn 1978-1979. From 1983 – 1993 he was the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge.

He joined Scottish Rite in the Vancouver Valley in February 1968 receiving his 14° in June, 1968, 18° in March, 1969, and in October 1969 he received his 32° in British Columbia Consistory where he served as Commander-in-Chief in 1985 and 1986. He was coroneted in Fredericton, New Brunswick in September, 1982 by III. Bro. W. H. Mortlock, 33°. III. Bro. John A. Bourne, 33° signed his nomination papers. At that session he was the member of the class chosen to respond to the toast to the New Class; his presentation was built around the film "Chariots of Fire." His background in amateur sports and his love of soccer played a big part in his life. It was perhaps natural that he should use the theme of that film as part of his presentation.

III. Bro. Stirling was installed in Royal Order of Scotland in 1979, serving as Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland in 1985 – 1990.

To those who had the pleasure of his company, Ill. Bro William Stirling was a delight to hold conversation with. His vast knowledge of world history, law, and his very keen interest in sports gave opportunity for any conversation to span plenty of topics. Yet he was a private man, with very few invited to his home. With his love of his profession, amateur sports, his skill as a pianist and his fluency in French, Freemasonry lost a warm human being. His family and private life were as precious to him as his love for Freemasonry and Soccer.

This is a testimony of a great man, husband, father, and brother.

# ILL. BRO. KENNETH (KEN) ERVIN STUPAREK, 33°



On November 1, 2015 the Scottish Rite, Valley of Edmonton, and the Edmonton Masonic Order lost a beloved member in the passing of Ill. Bro. Ken Stuparek, 33°. He was 84.

Ken was born October 19, 1931, in Vegreville, Alberta to parents Bill and Ida who had four children, including Ken's brothers Russell and Gary, and sister Carol.

Ken had two children with his first wife, Elizabeth; Daryl who is survived by his wife Terry-Ann after passing away in 2008, and Blair, currently living in Edmonton, with partner Sheri.

Ken is survived by wife, Judy Carter whom he married in 1984. He was a caring step-father to her son Tom Carter of Calgary and a loving

grandfather to Elliot and Oliver Carter, also of Calgary.

Ken retired in 1990 after a 37-year career in the electrical utility industry. His retirement afforded him more time to play bridge, golf and indulge his interest of wine making.

For 59 years Ken was an honored and active member of the Masonic Order, including the Royal Order of Scotland, the Scottish Rite bodies, and the Shriners. Ken was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 12, 1956. He joined the Valley of Edmonton receiving his 14th Degree on February 13, 1970 and his 32nd Degree on October 27, 1972. He served as Most Wise Sovereign of Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix in 1980 – 81. Ken was coroneted a 33° Honorary Inspector General on September 11, 1986 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Ken always enjoyed socializing with friends who will miss his welcoming smile and easy demeanor.

# ILL. BRO. PETER EVERARD TAYLOR, 33°



III. Bro. Peter Everard Taylor passed away on January 10, 2016. Peter was born in Oldham, Lancashire, England on November 3, 1933 and is the son of a Freemason. Following his education at the Royal Masonic School in Bushey, Hertfordshire, he briefly entered the textile engineering field before enlisting in the Royal Air Force in 1951.

He served for a period of 12 years in the Provost Branch in Security and Criminal Investigation in England, Germany and France and received his Commander-in-Chief's Commendation for meritorious service while serving directly with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in France. In 1965 he emigrated to Canada and entered the general insurance field in underwriting and administrative management in Toronto and Montreal. In 1976 he moved to an

administrative position with a municipal fire department and more latterly was a Financial Officer with the Provincial Government, Ministry of the Solicitor General, retiring in September 1989.

He married Eleanor (Ellie) Ann Speers in 1969 and they resided in Etobicoke, Ontario before moving to Seaforth, Ontario in 1989 and subsequently returning to England in 1991.

III. Bro Taylor was initiated on March 7, 1975, passed on April 18, 1975 and raised on September 19, 1975 in Wellington Lodge No. 635, Toronto District No. 7, and served as Worshipful Master in 1982. He was a Charter Member of the Heritage Lodge No. 730 and was a Corresponding Member of Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research, No. 2076, in England. In 1984 he had the honour of being appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Peter joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, in 1976 and received the 32° at Moore Sovereign Consistory in May, 1977. He served as T.P.G.M. of the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection in 1988 and was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General, 33° on September 12, 1991 in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Peter was also a member of Mimico Chapter No. 215, G.R.C., Royal Arch Masons, serving as First Principal in 1981. He was a member of Rameses Shriners joining in 1977; was a member of the Ritualistic Cast and a member and Past President of the Leaside Shrine Club.

Peter was an avid golfer and enjoyed travel particularly to new places.

Peter was very involved in his Masonic and Shrine activities and enjoyed this participation. He believed that participation, whether directly or indirectly, is essential for masonic satisfaction and particularly with one's Craft Lodge.

# ILL. BRO. WILLIAM (BILL) FRANK VAUGHN, 33°



It is with deep regret and sadness that we record the passing of III. Bro. William Frank Vaughn, 33°. Brother William Vaughn passed away peacefully at the age of 91 on July 6, 2016 at the Extendicare Retirement Residence, St. Catharines, Ontario.

After completing his formal education Bro. Bill and his brother Charles took over the management and ownership of the family farm in St. Catharines. Bill was a farmer through and through. It was in his blood. He was involved with the dairy industry for the first 45 years of his life where he received numerous awards and honours for dairy production and herdsmanship. He was a grape grower for 70 years and was honoured to be Grape King in 1971.

Bill was a member, director and Past President of the St. Catharines Association for the Mentally Challenged. He was the principal force behind the organization, which built the Barnsdale Home for the mentally challenged. Bro. Vaughn was involved in may agricultural related organizations and community business groups.

V. W. Bro. Bill was a keen and active Mason for 70 years, having been initiated into Temple Lodge No. 296 in St. Catharines in 1946 and served as Worshipful Master in 1960 and District Secretary for Niagara "A" in 1966. In 1952, he became a member of Elgin Lodge of Perfection and in 1957 a member of The Niagara Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of Niagara, receiving his 32nd degree in 1957 at Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton. In 1969, he served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of Elgin Lodge of Perfection, Niagara, Ontario. Not only was he involved in many of the degrees, but he served as secretary for the Niagara Valley Executive Committee for years.

III. Bro. Vaughn was coroneted a 33° Mason in 1976 in Regina Saskatchewan and was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in Hamilton, Ontario.

Bro. Vaughn is survived by his loving wife Shirley of 66 years and his sons Bill (Arden), Bob and Brent, all of St. Catharines, Ontario. He is predeceased by his son Brian (2006).

III. Bro. Vaughn was a kind, gentle and a generous man who wouldn't hesitate to help out a friend or stranger at any time. Bill lived a full, rich life doing what he loved and will be sorely missed by his family, the Masonic community in general and the Niagara Valley of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite in particular.

"Sleep on sweet Prince; and may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest." May our Heavenly Father have you in His holy keeping.

# ILL. BRO. DONALD WILLIAM WAKELYN, 33°



The Valley of Victoria was saddened by the loss of one of the most esteemed brethren of Freemasons of Victoria. A respected Mason and valued member of Victoria Provincial Government as well as a tireless worker for sports in Victoria for many years, his loss after a brief stay in hospital has been felt in our masonic community.

III. Bro. Donald William Wakelyn was born in Calgary, Alberta, on March 31, 1925. He moved to Victoria, British Columbia, at the age of seven where he received his formal education, completing his second-year university studies at the University of Victoria prior to entering the field of preventative public health service. III. Bro. Wakelyn joined the Royal Navy in 1944 and was discharged back to civilian life in February 1946. He married Jean Cunningham, a native of Victoria, on

September 24, 1948.

Bro. Wakelyn was initiated into St. Andrew's Lodge No. 49 in Victoria in 1956 and served as Worshipful Master in 1969-1970. He was appointed Grand Marshal in 1975 and District Deputy Grand Master of Victoria District No. 1 in 1976. He also served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research and served as Representative for the Grand Lodge of Virginia near this jurisdiction. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1983 and in 1986 was installed as the 109th Grand Master of British Columbia and Yukon at the 116th Annual Communication. Ill. Bro. Wakelyn was a member of various lodges in BC&Y. He also served as the Most Puissant Sovereign of the Western Canada Conclave No. 25 (Scottish Constitution) in 1988.

He was received as a 4th degree member of Victoria Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite in September 1969, receiving his 14th degree in June 1970, his 18th degree in January 1971, and 32nd degree in British Columbia Consistory in October 1977. He served as TPGM of Victoria Lodge of Perfection in February 1980, was a charter member of Vancouver Island Consistory and served as its Commander-in-Chief 1990 – 1991. He was received as an Honourary Grand Inspectors General in September 1984 by Ill. Bro. L. H. Bergstrom, 33°. He was installed a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in 1987.

In his youth, Ill. Bro. Wakelyn was a great soccer player. A longtime administrator for Little League baseball, a co-founder of the Gorge Soccer Association and founding Secretary of the Esquimalt Figure Skating Club. He was named Victoria's Sportsman of the year in 1968, and inducted into the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

He served as a Public Health Inspector for over 37 years, most of which while employed by the City of Victoria Health Department, the Capital Regional District Community Health Service and the Provincial Health Department. He retired in 1983 as Director of Environment Programs, residing in the city in Victoria. Predeceased by his wife, Jean and son Daryl, he is survived by his daughter, Dawn, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted in the Highgate Retirement Lodge where he had lived for the last 10 years of his life. A father, grandfather, great grandfather, a Mason and public servant, he will be remembered as a faithful and dependable man. Victoria and Freemasonry is poorer from his passing.

# ILL. BRO. DONALD (DON) CLIFFORD WILKINSON, 33°



The Valley of Windsor was saddened by the sudden passing of III. Bro. Donald Clifford Wilkinson on May 30, 2016. He had been having some problems and was in hospital several times recently; but his sudden passing was a real shock to the Masonic District and the Valley of Windsor. III. Bro Wilkinson was dedicated, outgoing, active and a regular member of Windsor Valley Scottish Rite. He was also in several Bodies of Masonry in the Windsor - Essex County area.

III. Bro. Wilkinson was born on February 7, 1933 in Leamington, Ontario. He lived his entire life on the family farm in Mersea Township and received his early education in Leamington. He then attended the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; graduating in 1954. He returned to the family farm where he raised hogs and worked growing corn and

soybeans. He became very active in local and Provincial Agricultural associations and in municipal politics.

Don married Nancy Sharp in 1955 and they celebrated over sixty years together. They had one son, Stewart. Don and Nancy were active members of Mersea United Church; and served on the Official Board; chairing several committees and assisting where needed. Ill. Bro. Wilkinson was actively involved, particularly using his financial and organizational skills; and he was willing to assist and contribute as a Mason and a gentleman.

III. Bro. Wilkinson was Initiated in Leamington Lodge No. 290 A.F.&. A.M. in Leamington on April 28, 1959. He received the F.C. Degree and M.M. Degree in Leamington Lodge in 1959. He was Worshipful Master in 1968; and D.D.G.M. Windsor District in 1972. He was an active member of King Cyrus Chapter No.119 Royal Arch Masons, Leamington. He was a member of Essex Council No. 12 Royal & Select Masters of Ontario, Windsor and received the Meritorious Service Award in 1998. He was a member of Mocha Shriners, and Sun Parlour Shrine Club. Don was also an active member of the Windsor District Masonic Association for many years, and served as President in 1971.

Don joined the Windsor Lodge of Perfection A.A.S.R. and received the 14th degree on October 15, 1960; the 18th degree in Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix on May 22, 1962; and the 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton on November 9, 1963. Ill. Bro. Wilkinson was T.P.G.M. Windsor Lodge of Perfection in 1974. He was a dedicated member of the Finance Committee for many years. In recognition of his many Masonic and community activities Ill. Bro. Wilkinson was Coroneted an H.I.G. 33° in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1980.

A good attendance of Brethren was present for the Masonic Memorial Service held on June 1, 2016 at Reid Funeral Home, Leamington. On June 2, 2016 the funeral service was held at the Funeral Home by Mersea United Church, with burial at Evergreen Park Memorial Cemetery.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his family. He will be greatly missed and we give thanks for the privilege afforded us in knowing and remembering this active Mason.

# ILL. BRO. KENNETH (KEN) JAMES WYATT, 33°



Ken was born in Melita, Manitoba on February 28, 1925 and passed away on February 26, 2016.

Ken travelled throughout Canada to wherever his military and personal careers took him. After graduating from Staff College, he served honourably in the Canadian Armed Forces in Canada and overseas as an Expert in Logistics and supply. He was a member of the International Control Commission (ICSC) Vietnam 1954. His personal career took him into the Department of Motor Vehicles in Senior Management.

Ken's Masonic Career was as follows:

Initiated Fort Prince of Wales Lodge # 161, Churchill Manitoba on December 16, 1952:

Passed Fort Prince of Wales Lodge # 161, Churchill Manitoba on January 21, 1953; Raised Fort Prince of Wales Lodge # 161, Churchill Manitoba on February 25, 1953;

Ken Affiliated with Kempenfelt Lodge #673 in Barrie Ontario. Upon moving to Victoria B.C. in 1978, Ken Affiliated with Aurora Lodge # 165 in 1984, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1990. On May 17, 1993 Ken Affiliated with Nanaimo Lodge # 110.

Starting his Scottish Rite career, Ken received his 4th degree on October 21, 1958, his 14th degree on October 22, 1958 in Barrie Ontario. Upon moving to Vancouver Island he received his 32nd degree in the Vancouver Island Consistory on October 25, 1986.

Ken was Coroneted 33 Degree Honorary Inspector General on September 17, 2009 in Hamilton Ontario.

He also served as Most Wise Sovereign of the Victoria Chapter of Rose Croix in 1994/1995 and as TPGM of Colville Lodge of Perfection where he arranged degree teams and participated in the ritual work.

Ken was Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Commander of The Legion of Honor and was the founding member of the Sabres Drill Unit of the Gizeh Shriners in Nanaimo BC obtaining the charter, bylaws and equipment necessary for the unit to operate. He was also a proud member of the Nanaimo and District Shrine Club # 10.

"He lived Respected and Died Regretted."

► GENERAL DATA AND STATISTICS ◀

# Sovereign Grand Commanders Since 1874

#### THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON

Oct. 16, 1874 to Jan. 13, 1882

Died 13th January, 1882

#### **WILLIAM HENRY HUTTON**

Jan. 13, 1882 to Oct. 21, 1886

Died 9th October, 1893

#### **JOHN VALENTINE ELLIS**

Oct. 21, 1886 to Oct. 27, 1892

Died 10th July, 1913

# JOHN WALTER MURTON

Oct. 27, 1892 to Oct. 23, 1898 Died 23rd October, 1898

# **ISAAC HENRY STEARNS**

Oct. 26, 1898 to Oct. 27, 1904

Died 15th February, 1921

#### **SIR JOHN MORISON GIBSON**

Oct. 27, 1904 to Oct. 23, 1913

Oct. 26, 1922 to Oct. 25, 1923

Died 3rd June, 1929

#### **BENJAMIN ALLEN**

Oct. 23, 1913 to Oct. 23, 1919

Died 10th April, 1920

#### JOHN ALEXANDER CAMERON

Oct. 23, 1919 to Oct. 26, 1922

Oct. 25, 1923 to Oct. 8, 1925

Died 16th December, 1931

#### **ALFRED FREDERICK WEBSTER**

Oct. 8, 1925 to Oct. 3, 1934

Died 7th May, 1938

#### **WILLIAM HUGH WARDROPE**

Oct. 3, 1934 to Oct. 2, 1940

Apr. 18, 1942 to Oct. 7, 1942

Died 27th June, 1947

# JOHN ALBERT ROWLAND

Oct. 2, 1940 to April 18, 1942

Died 18th April, 1942

# **DOUGLAS GORDON McILWRAITH**

Oct. 7, 1942 to Feb. 2, 1948

Died 2nd February, 1948

#### **GEORGE HENRY ROSS**

Feb. 2, 1948 to Feb. 14, 1950

Died 14th February, 1950

#### **DOUGLAS FRASER**

Feb. 14, 1950 to Oct. 15, 1952

Died 26th August, 1968

# **CLARENCE MacLEOD PITTS**

Oct. 15, 1952 to Sept. 21, 1955

Died 10th April, 1965

#### THOMAS KINGSMILL WADE

Sept. 21, 1955 to Sept. 11, 1958

Died 20th January, 1965

#### **RICHARD COULTON BERKINSHAW**

Sept. 7, 1961 to Sept. 9, 1964

Died 4th May, 1970

# **GEORGE CLEVELAND DERBY**

Sept. 9, 1964 to Sept. 13th, 1967

Died 5th January, 1971

# **CHARLES HERBERT CUNNINGHAM**

Sept. 13, 1967 to Sept. 12, 1969

Died 12th September, 1969

#### DONALD LLOYD WITTER

Sept. 12, 1969 to Sept. 8, 1973

Died 21st June, 1992

# **HOWARD BROWN MOORE**

1970 Honorary

Died 6th June, 1978

## HARVEY ROY DOANE

Sept. 8, 1973 to Sept. 11, 1976

Died 10th June, 1989

# WALTER CLIFTON McDONALD

Sept. 11, 1976 to Sept. 15, 1979

Died 7th November, 1999

#### WALTER HENRY MORTLOCK

Sept. 15, 1979 to Sept. 11, 1982

Died 17th January, 1998

# LYLE HERBERT BERGSTROM

Sept. 11, 1982 to Sept. 14, 1985

Died 8th August, 1992

### **GORDON LOCKHART BENNETT**

Sept. 14, 1985 to Sept. 10, 1988

Died 11th February, 2000

# **JOHN ALLAN BOURNE**

Sept. 10, 1988 to Sept. 14, 1991

Died 11th, October, 2000

# JOHN VINCENT LAWER

Sept. 14, 1991 to Sept. 10, 1994

## HAROLD EDWARD CROSBY

Sept. 10, 1994 to Sept. 13, 1997

### **GLENN MARVIN MARTIN**

Sept. 13, 1997 to Sept. 16, 2000

Died 8th, April, 2015

# NORMAN EDWARD BYRNE

Sept. 16, 2000 to Sept 13, 2003

Died 13th, Sept., 2005

#### **ORLAN JOHN WEBER**

Sept. 13, 2003 to Sept. 16, 2006

# CHARLES ROBERT TOWNSHEND

Sept. 16, 2006 to Sept. 19, 2009

Died 14th March, 2015

#### **MATTHEW FRANCIS TODD**

Sept. 19, 2009 to Sept. 15, 2012

**RICHARD AUSTIN H. BROWN** 

Sept. 15, 2012 to Sept. 19, 2015

**TERRY ALLAN McLEAN** 

Sept. 19, 2015

# Past Annual Sessions

1874 ~ Ottawa	1915 ~ Ottawa
1875 ~ Montréal	1916 ~ Montréal
1876 ~ "	1917 ~ London
10// ~	1918 ~ Hamilton
1878 ~ "	1919 ~ Montreal
1879 ~ "	1920 ~ Hamilton
~ (special in March at Hamilton)	1921 ~ Ottawa
1880 ~ Montréal	1922 ~ Montréal
1001 ~	1923 ~ Toronto
1882 ~ "	~ (special at Hamilton)
1883 ~ "	1924 ~ Vancouver
1884 ~ "	1925 ~ Montréal
1885 ~ (Not held at Saint John)	1926 ~ Halifax
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~ (special in April at Hamilton)	1927 ~ Hamilton
1886 ~ Montréal	1928 ~ Montréal
~ (special in November at	1929 ~ Edmonton
Hamilton)	
1887 ~ Montréal	1930 ~ Toronto
1888 ~ "	1931 ~ Montréal
	1932 ~ Saint John
1889 ~ "	
1890 ~ Hamilton	1933 ~ Ottawa
1891 ~ Saint John	1934 ~ Montréal
1892 ~ Montréal	1935 ~ Vancouver
1893 ~ "	1936 ~ London
1894 ~ Toronto	1937 ~ Montréal
1895 ~ Montréal	1938 ~ Halifax
1896 ~ Ottawa	1939 ~ Fort William
1897 ~ Montréal	1940 ~ Montréal
1898 ~ "	1941 ~ Regina
1899 ~ Saint John	1942 ~ Hamilton
1900 ~ Toronto	1943 ~ Montréal
1901 ~ Montréal	1944 ~ Windsor
1902 ~ "	1945 ~ Hamilton (93)
1903 ~ Toronto	1946 ~ Québec (111) (67)
1904 ~ Montréal	1947 ~ Calgary (111) (73)
1905 ~ Ottawa	1948 ~ London (158) (100)
1906 ~ London	1949 ~ Saint John (150) (101)
1907 ~ Montréal	1950 ~ Ottawa (189) (119)
1908 ~ "	1951 ~ Winnipeg (176) (118)
1909 ~ Toronto	1952 ~ Niagara (230) (146)
1910 ~ Montréal	1953 ~ Montréal (201) (147)
1911 ~ Winnipeg	1954 ~ Toronto (243) (197)
1912 ~ Hamilton	1955 ~ Vancouver (184) (146)
1913 ~ Montréal	1956 ~ Hamilton (224) (199)
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1914 ~ Toronto	1957 ~ Halifax (200) (159)
1958 ~ Windsor (247) (199)	1994 ~ Halifax (337) (285)
1959 ~ Saskatoon (199) (143)	1995 ~ Kingston (336) (289)

1960 ~ Fort William (220) (157) 1996 ~ Calgary (347) (291) 1961 ~ St. Andrews (205) (159) 1997 ~ Barrie (309) (254) 1962 ~ London (291) (230) 1998 ~ Montréal (327) (274) 1963 ~ Edmonton (242) (177) 1999 ~ Niagara (326) (269) 1964 ~ Ottawa (289) (245) 2000 ~ Winnipeg (334) (272) 1965 ~ Montréal (264) (204) 2001 ~ London (307) (246) 1966 ~ Niagara (268) (220) 2002 ~ Saint John (290) (233) 1967 ~ Winnipeg (256) (193) 2003 ~ Windsor (307) (230) 1968 ~ Hamilton (351) (269) 2004 ~ Edmonton (350) (272) 1969 ~ Halifax (265) (213) 2005 ~ Toronto (326) (262) 1970 ~ Toronto (290) (220) 2006 ~ Halifax (340) (280) 1971 ~ Calgary (287) (223) 2007 ~ Ottawa (320) (251) 1972 ~ Windsor (273) (206) 2008 ~ Vancouver (255) (201) 1973 ~ Vancouver (283) (224) 2009 ~ Hamilton (296) (211) 2010 ~ Moncton (234) (173) 1974 ~ Ottawa (368) (315) 1975 ~ Hamilton (301) (252) 2011 ~ Thunder Bay (245) (170) 1976 ~ Regina (316) (257) 2012 ~ Winnipeg (209) (131) 2013 ~ Barrie (284) (215) 1977 ~ Hamilton (331) (278) 2014 ~ Halifax (239) (181) 1978 ~ Moncton (299) (252) 1979 ~ Niagara (360) (312) 2015 ~ Windsor (278) (195) 1980 ~ Winnipeg (387) (316) 2016 ~ St. John's (229) (189) 1981 ~ Peterborough (419) (346) 1982 ~ Fredericton (349) (301) 1983 ~ Toronto (410) (331) 1984 ~ Edmonton (392) (326) 1985 ~ London (462) (383) 1986 ~ Charlottetown (396) (346) 1987 ~ Windsor (375) (305) 1988 ~ Vancouver (416) (343) 1989 ~ Ottawa (411) (334) 1990 ~ St. John's (353) (302) 1991 ~ Thunder Bay (332) (273) 1992 ~ Saskatoon (356) (291)

Year ~ City (Members) (Ladies)

1993 ~ Hamilton (358) (284)

# **Future Sessions**

2017 ~ Montreal, QC Thursday, September 14 to Saturday, September 16, 2017 2018 ~ London, ON Thursday, September 13 to Saturday, September 15, 2018 TBA



# SUPREME COUNCIL 33° ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY OF CANADA GRAND ORIENT, HAMILTON, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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Valley of Regina

Date of 33° - September 15th, 1983

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 13th, 1997

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**Valley of Winnipeg** 

Date of 33° - September 12th, 1996

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 13th, 2014

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Valley of Ottawa

Date of 33° - September 13th, 2007

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 14th, 2013

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Valley of Hamilton

Date of 33° - September 12th, 2002

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 17th, 2016

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Valley of Winnipeg

Date of 33° - September 13th, 1990

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 16th, 2006

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Valley of Montreal

Date of 33° - September 10th, 1992

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 14th, 2013

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Valley of Toronto

Date of 33° - September 10th, 1987

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 15th, 2007

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Valley of Saskatoon

Date of 33° - September 13th, 1984

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 16th, 2006

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Valley of Sydney

Date of 33° - September 8th, 1994

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 15th, 2012

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Valley of Toronto

Date of 33° - September 12th, 1975

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 13th, 1997

Munro, Marvin Lagrange (Sheran)

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Valley of Vernon

Date of 33° - September 9th, 1982

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 19th, 2015

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Valley of Regina

Date of 33° - September 13th, 1984

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 14th, 2002

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Valley of Montreal

Date of 33° - September 16th, 1999

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 15th, 2007

Salmi, Marvin John (Sinikka)

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Res.: 807-344-5140 Email: salmi@tbaytel.net Valley of Thunder Bay

Date of 33° - September 14th, 2006

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 19th, 2015

Standish, H. Edward (Marion)

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Valley of Hamilton

Date of 33° - September 12th, 1996

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 14th, 2013

Thornton, Donald Roy (Edith)

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Valley of Kingston

Date of 33° - September 10th, 1992

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 18th, 2010

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Valley of Hamilton

Date of 33° - September 14th, 1995

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 17th, 2011

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Valley of Hamilton

Date of 33° - September 13th, 1990

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 16th, 2000

Watson, Alexander William (Vietta)

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Valley of Guelph

Date of 33° - September 14th, 1989

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 15th, 2007

Winch, John Earl (Earla)

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Valley of Guelph

Date of 33° - September 13th, 1984

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 14th, 1996

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Valley of Saint John -

Date of 33° - September 10th, 1987

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 14th, 2013

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Valley of Chatham

Date of 33° - September 13th, 1984

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 15th, 2001

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Valley of Vancouver

Date of 33° - September 17th, 1998

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 17th, 2016

Whiteley, Sydney Raymond (Lynn)

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Valley of Toronto

Date of 33° - September 9th, 1993

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 19th, 2009

Wood, James Taylor (Olof)

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Valley of Winnipeg

Date of 33° - September 16th, 2004

Date of Past Active Mem. - September 16th, 2011

# SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL 33° (38) Active Members By Seniority

	Date of 33°	Date of Active
Harold Edward Crosby	Sept. 10, 1976	Sept. 12, 1981
Orlan John Weber		
Matthew Francis Todd		
Allard Boudewijn Loopstra		
Robert Stuart Whitmore.		
Thomas Edward Lewis		
Brian Wilfred Gilkinson		Sept. 15, 2001
Richard Austin Howell Brown		
Michael David Huron Farr		
Loren William Kline		
Kenneth Dean McComb		
Gareth Rhys Taylor		
William Charles Fitzsimmons		Sept. 16, 2006
James Stephen Ross	Sept. 10, 1992	Sept. 15, 2007
Terry Allan McLean	Sept. 15, 2005	Sept. 13, 2008
David Ronald MacDonald	Sept. 13, 2001	Sept. 19, 2009
Duncan Stuart Skinner	Sept. 17, 2009	Sept. 19, 2009
Chesley Roy Piercey	Sept. 09, 1993	Sept. 18, 2010
Robert David Brethour	. Sept. 14, 2000	Sept. 18, 2010
John Wesley Trousdale	. Sept. 11, 2003	Sept. 18, 2010
William Arthur Atkinson	. Sept. 14, 2006	Sept. 17, 2011
Gordon Greasley		
Stephen Godfrey		
Wilfred Douglas Keam	. Sept. 12, 1996	Sept. 15, 2012
James Crawford Sutherland		Sept. 15, 2012
James Gerard Finch		
Jean Reed		
David Garth Hooper		
Miles Rae Graham		
Alan Douglas Arbuckle		
David Allan Bennett		_ Sept. 13, 2014
Allan John Leslie Hadley		
William Anthony Davis		
Jeffrey Ralph Dickson		
John Edward Harrison		
Karl Edmond Springer		
John Gray Teleske		Sept. 17, 2016
Thomas Arthur Wills	. Sept. 16, 2004	Sept. 17, 2016

# SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL 33° (35) <u>Past Active Members By Seniority</u>

Date of Past Active   Sard Degree   Membership
John Earl Esworthy Winch.         Sept. 13, 1984         Sept. 14, 1996           Donald Walter Lambie.         Sept. 12, 1975         Sept. 13, 1997           Thomas Virgil Hannan.         Sept. 15, 1983         Sept. 13, 1997           Robert George Wands         Sept. 13, 1990         Sept. 16, 2000           Robert Lawrence Waddell         Sept. 13, 1984         Sept. 15, 2001           Kenneth Samuel Orr         Sept. 13, 1984         Sept. 14, 2002           Philippe Armand Decelles         Sept. 10, 1981         Sept. 13, 2003           Stanley James Clayton         Sept. 08, 1988         Sept. 17, 2005           Oliver Jack Sproule         Sept. 13, 1984         Sept. 16, 2006           Charles Edwin Drew         Sept. 08, 1988         Sept. 16, 2006           Donald Adam Murray         Sept. 13, 1990         Sept. 16, 2006           Gerald Allister Chaulk         Sept. 13, 1974         Sept. 16, 2007           Richard David Quinton         Sept. 10, 1987         Sept. 15, 2007           Alexander William Watson         Sept. 14, 1989         Sept. 15, 2007           John Andrew Prosnick         Sept. 16, 1999         Sept. 15, 2007           John Dennis Chadbourne         Sept. 14, 1989         Sept. 19, 2009
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Sydney Raymond Whiteley Sept. 09, 1993 Sept. 19, 2009
Donald Roy Thornton Sept. 10, 1992 Sept. 18, 2010
William Archibald Dorman Cook Sept. 09, 1993 Sept. 18, 2010
George Neilson Cooper Sept. 14, 2006 Sept. 18, 2010
Maurice Hrycyk Sept. 08, 1988 Sept. 17, 2011
Donald Douglas Thornton Sept. 14, 1995 Sept. 17, 2011
James Taylor Wood Sept. 16, 2004 Sept. 17, 2011
Robert Alfred Barnett Sept. 11, 1986 Sept. 15, 2012
Robert LeRoux Taylor
Ray Thomas Bryant Sept. 14, 2000 Sept. 15, 2012
Gordon Stanley Young Sept. 10, 1987 Sept. 14, 2013
Pierre Arthur Phaneuf Sept. 10, 1992 Sept. 14, 2013
Harry Edward Standish Sept. 12, 1996 Sept. 14, 2013
Samuel Kalinowsky Sept. 13, 2007 Sept. 14, 2013
Rozin Daniel Iwanicki Sept. 12, 1996 Sept. 13, 2014
Marvin LaGrange Munro Sept. 09, 1982 Sept. 18, 2015
Marvin John Salmi Sept. 14, 2006 Sept. 18, 2015
Michael Ward Sept. 17, 1998 Sept. 17, 2016
Victor Lepp Sept. 12, 2002 Sept. 17, 2016

# HONORARY INSPECTORS-GENERALS, 33° (926)

# ALBERTA (69)

Name	Valley	Date Received
Austin, John Howard	Edmonton	Sept. 10, 1992
Bate, Geoffrey Harwood	Calgary	Sept. 16, 2004
Bate, Thomas Edward	Edmonton	Sept. 13, 1974
Bennett, Gary Bedford Emerson	Edmonton	Sept. 17, 1998
Berard, Gordon Paul		
Berry, James Edward	Edmonton	Sept. 13, 2007
Bly, Elmer Franklin		
Brown, Douglas William		
Caldwell, Steven Stewart		
Canning, Howard Gordon	Edmonton	Sept. 11, 2008
Christensen, George Douglas		
Costouros, Basile	Edmonton	Sept. 12, 1996
Creasor, Duane David	Lethbridge	Sept. 17, 2015
Darichuk, George Thomas		
Dawe, John Anderson		
Dawson, Gordon Rex	Edmonton	Sept. 15, 2011
Dixon, Grant William	Central Alberta	Sept. 15, 2016
Downs, Norman Edward		
Drolet, Terrence Armitage		
Elford, Clyde Henry		
Elliot, Allan Glen	Calgary	Sept. 17, 1998
Fedun, John	Edmonton	Sept. 13, 2007
Flemmer, Theodore Allan	Medicine Hat	Sept. 16, 2004
Forsdick, John Edward	Edmonton	Sept. 12, 2002
Fraser, Karl Thomas	Calgary	Sept. 11, 2008
Fyfe, Albert Edward		
Gyulai, Daniel Anthony		
Hite, William Lundgren		
Hochman, David Charles	Calgary	Sept. 15, 2016
Hutton, James Bruce	Lethbridge	Sept. 15, 2005
Innes, James		
James, Ronald William	Edmonton	Sept. 11, 2008
Jones, Joseph Arthur		
Juthner, Robert Eugene	Edmonton	
Kennaway, Robert Adam		
Kobluk, William Douglas		
Kuenzel, Johannes	Calgary	Sept. 15, 2005
Kwasnycia, Nestor Michael		Sept. 15, 2005
Lamont, Robert Daniel	Edmonton	
Livingstone, William Matthew		
Long, Allan Leonard		
MacMoneagle, Stuart Munn		
Millar, Donald Ryan		
Mottershead, Stanley Irwin		
Mouser, Stanley Ross	Lethbridge	Sept. 10, 1992

Name		Date Received
Odland, Richard Dennis		Sept. 11, 2003
Pay, Murray Vernon Desmond	Calgary	Sept. 16, 2004
Phillips, Russell Gary	Calgary	Sept. 08, 1994
Ponech, Rodney Bowman		
Reynolds, John Henry	Medicine Hat	Sept. 11, 2008
Robertson, John Duncan	Edmonton	
Rojas, Jorge Wilibaldo	Calgary	
Roth, David Albert	Edmonton	Sept. 16, 2010
Royal, Arthur Nelson	Calgary	
Senn, Norman John	Calgary	Sept. 15, 1983
Shutt, Craig Kenneth	Edmonton	Sept. 11, 2014
Simpson, Robert Cray		
Skakun, John		
Sonley, Roy Ernest	Medicine Hat	
Spicer, Leigh Thomas John		
Stark, Karl Robert	Edmonton	
Stewart, Angus Colin	Edmonton	
Sykos Goorgo William	Edmonton	
Sykes, George William	Edmonton	
Vaughan, Lloyd Vern		
Vines, Irwin Charles	Calgary	Sept. 17, 2015
Watkins, John <i>David</i>	Edmonton	Sept. 15, 2005
Welke, Walter Harold		Sept. 11, 2008
Williams, Christopher Arthur John		
Youngstrom, Erick Dale	Calgary	Sept. 11, 2003
BRI	TISH COLUMBIA (81)	
Akerman, Terrance Edward	Nanaimo	Sept. 10, 1981
Allen, Robert Glenn	Vancouver	Sept. 11, 2008
Armitage, Richard Douglas	Campbell River	Sept. 16, 2004
Atkinson, Larry Lee	Fraser Valley	Sept. 12, 2002
Barr, Jack Lyle		
Battle, Jesse Felix		
Birnie, Richard Allan		
Blaker, Randy William		•
Bolger, Edward Carl		
Bott, Stanley William		Sept. 11, 1997
Bowcott, Jordan Roy	Fraser Valley	Sept. 14, 2000
Broadberry, Jonathan Hugh	Kamloops	Sept. 15, 2016
Brown, Winston Samuel Albert	Kootenay	Sept. 12, 2002
Calli, Michael Kenneth	Prince Rupert	Sept. 14, 2000
Campbell, Donald Leslie	Victoria	
Cardinez, Winston Ambrose	Victoria	
Cave, William Rutherford		
Clare, Richard <i>Hilliard</i>		
Clark, Matthew Ridgley	violoria	3ept. 17, 2013
Cross, John Alan		Sept. 11, 2008
Dearing, Mark Seymour	vemon	
Dearlow, Loyd	Vancouver	Sept. 08, 1988
Donaldson, Mark Stephen	Campbell River	Sept. 13, 2012

Name	Valley	Date Received
Durell, Philip Henry Edward	Vancouver	Sept. 12, 2002
Eales, Peter Raymond	Vancouver	
Easton, Douglas George	Victoria	Sept. 12, 2013
Erickson, Alfred Joseph		
Ferguson, Charles William		Sept. 12, 1996
Fulton, James Hugh		
Gibson, David Lachlan		
Gillespie, Robert Reid		
Gordon, Aidan Chalmers	Vancouver	Sept. 13, 2012
Gordon, Alexander Phillip Spencer		
Hahn, Stanley <i>Richard</i> Gregory		
Hardy, Thomas Burnett		
Harper, John Thomas		
Hayes, Harold James		
Headen, Richard William		
Hilborn, William Harvey		
Holland, Thomas John		
Kautz, Árvid		
Kerridge, David Charles		
Link, Lawrence William	Kootenay	Sept. 08, 1988
MacKenzie, Stephen	Vancouver	
McAlpine, David Robert	Vancouver	
McGregor, Peter Walker Watt		
Mitchell, Dennis Weston	Vernon	Sept. 11, 2008
Molyneux, William Edmund Mitchell		
Moore, George		
Moreshead, James Arthur		
Moxley, Murray Clinton	Vancouver	Sept. 17, 2009
Munro, Donald Alfred	Kamloops	
Munro, Donald Clifford	Vancouver	
Murray, Andrew Angus		
Neudorf, Cornelius John	Fraser Valley	
Norbury, Michael Robin	Vancouver	
Nordan, Harold Cecil	Fracor Valloy	
Ogilvie, Donald Loring	Kamloops	
Parent, Robert Lawrence Monte		
Parker, David Fletcher Hewlett		Sept. 14, 2000
Parker, David Wesley	Victoria	Sept. 15. 2005
Pattison, Alan Manning	Vernon	Sept. 16. 2004
Poncia, William John	Prince George	Sept. 17, 2009
Sands, John Leonard	Victoria	
Sauder, Gerald Bryan	Victoria	
Schultz, Rex Lorn		•
Shandalla, John Carl		
Shaw, Henry William		
Sowden, Douglas, Robert	Nanaimo	
Stanley, Norman James		
Storrie, David Scott	Campbell River	Sent 15 2016
Sutherland, Neil McLeod	Victoria	Sent 15 2011
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Swityk, Albert Henry	Kootenay	Sept. 16, 2004
Taylor, William <i>Earl</i> e		Sept. 16, 1999
Thompson, Arthur Robert		Sept. 13, 1990
Turner, Harold Kendall	Fraser Valley	Sept. 17, 2009
Ward, Leonard Golding	Kamloops	Sept. 13, 2012
Weller, William Neil	Prince George	Sept. 16, 2004
Whyte, William	Fraser Valley	Sept. 17, 1998
Noodburn, Jeffery Allen	Victoria	Sept. 17, 2009
Woods, Charles Ernest		
	MANITOBA (27)	
Brooker, John <i>Barry</i>	Winnipeg	Sept. 11, 2014
Cox, Kenneth Richard	Winnipeg	Sept. 14, 2006
Davidson, Keith Ian		Sept. 11, 1997
Dickson, Frederic John	Winnipeg	Sept. 10, 1992
ergusson, John Archibald	Winnipeg	Sept. 09, 1982
Forshaw, Earle Philip	Winnipeg	Sept. 12, 1991
Gilchrist, William Alexander		Sept. 16, 1999
Gross, Bernard		Sept. 15, 2016
Haldane-Wilsone, Charles Rae		
Holt, David James		
Johnston, Calvin Ralph	Winnipeg	Sept. 12, 1985
Johnston, Ross Adair	Winnipeg	Sept. 10, 1976
Kindrat, Derek Edwin	Brandon	Sept. 14, 2006
_edger, Ronald <i>_Blair</i>	Winnipeg	Sept. 14, 2006
Logan, James <i>David</i>	Winnipeg	Sept. 13, 2007
McKay, Morley John	Brandon	Sept. 11, 2008
McLachlan, Donald Kenneth	Winnipeg	Sept. 10, 1981
McMullan, Robert <i>Grant</i> _	Brandon	Sept. 13, 2007
Mildren, Walter Alfred	Winnipeg	Sept. 13, 1974
Odgers, Herbert <i>Trevor</i>		
Pallister, Harley George	Brandon	Sept. 12, 1996
Pohl, Norman Rudolf	Winnipeg	Sept. 12, 2013
Rosenbaum, Harry Joseph	Winnipeg	Sept. 16, 1999
Sidebottom, Thomas Walter	Winnipeg	Sept. 15, 1983
Taylor, Alexander <i>Bruce</i>	Winnipeg	Sept. 17, 2015
Tennant, Charles Russell		
Winslow, Paul Blake		
N	EW BRUNSWICK (32)	
Bishop, Allan Harold	Fredericton	Sept. 17, 2015
Bishop, Leonard Douglas	Fredericton	Sept. 16, 1999
Brown, Lary Edwin	Fredericton	Sept. 16, 2010
Caldwell, Eric Ernest	Saint John	Sept. 08, 1994
Clouston, Murray Elwin	Moncton	Sept. 09, 1993
Ellsworth, Barry Vance	Moncton	Sept. 16, 2004
Ellsworth, Gordon Scott		Sept. 11, 2014
Esligar, William Lloyd		
Finnie, Ronald Geoffrey		

Name	Valley	Date Received
Fraser, Graham Alexander	Saint John	Sept. 12, 2013
Gagnon, Nelson Joseph (Jody)	Moncton	
Kelly, Lawrence Reid	Moncton	Sept. 16, 2010
Kierstead, Robert Allen	Saint John	Sept. 07, 1978
Knowles, Derek Colin	Moncton	Sept. 16, 2010
Manning, Leigh Lynn	Moncton	Sept. 16, 2010
McClare, Robert Layton	Fredericton	Sept. 14, 2006
Millett, William Donald		Sept. 16, 2010
Moffatt, Jr. Cameron David		Sept. 16, 2010
Munn, Darrell Alexander		Sept. 15, 2016
Nason, Osborne LeBaron	Saint John	Sept. 16, 1999
Nelson, Randall William		Sept. 14, 2006
Palmer, Miton Alexander	Moneton	Sept. 11, 1980
Pelley, Finlay <i>Graham</i>		
Petite, William James		
Roberts, Donald Charles		Sept. 14, 2006
Robinson, Russell John	Saint John	Sept. 14, 2000
Ross, Ora Douglas		Sept. 16, 2010
Sherrard, Edward Sterling		
	Noncton	Sept. 10, 1976
Smith, Walter <i>Llewellyn</i> Winston		Sept. 14, 2006
Whitcomb, Richard Murdoch	Saint John	Sept. 16, 2010
Wood, Douglas Andrew	IVIONCTON	Sept. 13, 1990
Young, Edward <i>Arthur</i>		•
NEWFOUN	IDLAND AND LABRADOR	(7)
Budden, Gerald William		
Devereaux, Owen		
Greenslade, Gerald Morgan	St. John's	Sept. 11, 1980
Handrigan, Clayton Thornhill	St. John's	Sept. 13, 2012
Miller, Douglas Paul Hugh	St. John's	Sept. 15, 2016
Rowsell, James Hedley	St. John's	Sept. 11, 2014
Saunders, William Roy	St. John's	Sept. 17, 1998
	NOVA SCOTIA (33)	
Alteen, David Waldo		Sept. 17, 2009
Armstrong, Lawrin Carl		Sept. 12, 1991
Banks, Earl Leopold	Halifax	Sept. 11, 1997
Black, William Marshall	Halifax	Sept. 15, 1983
Clarke, Norman Kent		Sept. 14, 2006
Conn, John Kirk		Sept. 15, 2005
Daine, Harry Edward David		Sept. 14, 2006
Ford, Harvey James		Sept. 16, 2004
Frank, Paul Eugene		Sept. 17, 2009
Fraser, David Oran		Sept. 15, 2016
Fulton, Robert James		Sept. 11, 2014
Granchelli, Gordon Francis		Sept. 17, 2014
Gregan, James <i>Ivan</i>		Sept. 17, 2013
Horwich Michael	i idiliax Halifay	Sept. 10, 2004
Horwich, Michael Ihasz, Louis	i iailiax Sydnov	Sopt 12 2012
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Name	Valley	Date Received
Jackson, Edward Carson	Halifax	Sept. 13, 2001
Jollimore, Robert Maxwell		Sept. 15, 2005
Karrel, Samuel	Sydney	Sept. 15, 2005
Langham, David George		
MacDonald, Brian Lee		
MacFarlane, Gordon Shane	Sydney	Sept. 14, 1995
MacLeod, Donald Fergusson		
Meunier, Lloyd Walter	Halifax	Sept. 16, 2010
Milne, Frank Emmett		Sept. 11, 1980
Pizzo, Ronald Ernest	Halifax	Sept. 11, 2014
Publicover, Gerald Louis	Halifax	Sept. 14, 2000
Reid, George Wesley	Halifax	Sept. 13, 2012
Rideout, Roy Allister	Sydney	Sept. 10, 1992
Smith, Burney Arthur	Halifax	Sept 14 1995
Thornhill, Roland John		
Toole, John Harold Vernon		
Waterbury, David John Cunningham		
Wilkie, Raymond Edward		
	ONTARIO (600)	
Abraham. Victor Joel	Hamilton	Sept. 17, 2015
Adam, Michael Taylor	Sarnia	
Adamson, Kenneth Clare	Hamilton	Sept. 13, 2001
Adeite, Obafemi		
Alexander, Beverly Charles Wallace	Hamilton	Sept. 13, 2001
Alexander, Charles Robert	North Bay	Sept. 11, 2003
Allan, Frederick John	Hamilton —	Sept. 15, 2016
Allingham, William Wilford	Sarnia	Sept. 16, 2010
Amis, David Edward	Toronto	Sept. 12, 1996
Andersen, Bent Ove	London	
Anderson, Alvin James		•
Anderson, Bruce David		
Anderson, Ernest John Burns		
Anderson, James Elverton		Sept. 11, 1997
Anderson, John Christopher		Sept. 14, 2006
Anderson, John Karl	North Bay	Sept. 12, 1985
Armstrong, John Herbert	North Bay	Sept. 17, 2009
Arscott, Clifford Victor	Peterborough	Sept. 15, 2005
Ashley, Jason Brandon	North Bay	Sept. 13, 2012
Ashley, Paul Brandon		Sept. 16, 2004
Atkinson, Dennis Gordon		Sept. 14, 2006
Atkinson, Gary Laverne		Sept. 15, 2005
Atkinson, Jr. William Michael		Sept. 16, 2010
Atkinson, Walter Herbert		Sept. 08, 1988
Atsidakos, Peter	Toronto	Sept. 11, 1997
Ault, John Sydney		Sept. 13, 2007
Railey Murray Brian	Peterborough	Sept. 13, 2012
Bailey, Murray BrianBailey, Robert William	Sarnia	Sept. 13, 2012
Bain, Donald William	North Bav	Sept. 14, 2000 Sept. 14, 1995

Name	Valley	Date Received
Baker, John Albert	Hamilton	Sept. 16, 2004
Ball, Colin Arthur Wallace	Toronto	Sept. 12, 1996
Banks, Douglas Randall		
Barber, James Russell		
Barber, Paul Michael		
Barker, Albert Arthur		
Barker, Wayne Harry		
Barnes, Willard Carman	Chatham	Sept. 11, 2008
Barnett, William Lloyd		
Barr, Peter Stuart	Thunder Bay	Sept. 14, 2000
Bayne, George Potter	Woodstock	Sept. 12, 2013
Beard, Francis William John		
Bedford, Brock Howard		
Beggs, Keith David	Sault Ste. Marie	Sept. 10, 1992
Bell, John David	Sudbury	Sept. 12, 2013
Bennett, Donald		
Benton, George Frederick		
Beringer, Robert Dale		
Berry, Robert Alan		
Binch, Stephen Earl		<u> </u>
Binns, Thomas Roy		
Birdsall, William George	Niagara	Sept. 17, 1998
Birnie, Allan John Fredrick	Toronto	Sept. 11, 2003
Black, John Ross Albert	London	Sept. 17, 2015
Black, Murray Strathearn		
Blair, Rodney Charles	Guelph	Sept. 15, 2011
Blake, Dennis Raymond		
Bodrogi, Leslie Tibor		
Bothwell, Ray James		
Boucher, Jerome John	Niagara	
Boyd, David Jasper	Barrie	Sept. 11, 2014
Boynton, Edward Bruce	Barrie	
Bracken, Lyman Clair		
Braslins, Armin	Ottawa	Sept. 14, 2006
Breitsprecher, Peter Heinz		
Brenneman, Earl Jacob		
Bridges, James Baird		
Brimer, Jr. William Norman		
Brinston, Kenneth Gerard		
Britton, Harvey Neil		
Brodhurst, Ian Daniel	Toronto	
Brodsky, Morton Irving	Windsor	Sept. 17, 2015
Brooks, Clark Stuart		
Brooks, Robert James		
Brown, Lorne Thomas		
Brown, Terence John		
Burns, William David		
Burrell, Earl Godfrey		
Burrill, Beverley Carlyle	Woodstock	

Name	Valley	Date Received
Bye, Robert Stanley	Chatham	Sept. 13, 2001
Byers, Lyle Gordon		
Cakebread, James Richard		
Cameron, David James		
Cameron, David Richard Norman		
Campbell, Donald		
Campbell, Donald Alexander	Toronto	Sept. 12, 2013
Campbell, Robert Bruce (Soupy)	North Bav	Sept. 15, 2016
Campbell, Ronald Kenneth	Ottawa	Sept. 15, 2005
Campbell, Vernon Gordon	Sudburv	Sept. 17, 2009
Carlisle, James Kernaghan		
Carlson, Rene Paul		
Case, Brian Douglas		
Cassie, James Thomas		
Cayen, Gary Richard	Sudbury	Sept 15, 2011
Chamney, William Robert		
Charles, Raymond		
Chartier, Bryan Patrick	Windsor	Sept 13 2007
Chase, Kenneth Wayne		
Chisholm, William George		
Christensen, Eric Ole		
Christie, Jeffrey Alan		
Clancy, Raymond Albert		
Clark, Douglas Glen		
Clark, John <i>Colin</i>	North Bay	Sent 15 2005
Clarke, Harold	Toronto	Sent 16 2010
Clauson, George Robert	Ottawa	Sent 1/ 1989
Clunie, Ian Lambie		
Cobanov, Milan	Toronto	Sent 15 2016
Coggins, Howard William		
Collins, Robert Edwin		
Connor, Paul William Walter	Barrio	Sept. 16, 2010
Conway, Douglas Alfred	Barrie	Sept. 15, 2010
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Corbett, Charles Patrick	Niagara	Sept. 14, 2000
Cornthwaite, John Thomas	Sudbury	Sopt 15 2005
Cosens, Donald Leroy	Sudbury	Sept. 13, 2003
Coulter, Murray Leroy	Woodstock	Sept. 09, 1977
Cousins, Charles Lawrie	VVOOGSTOCK	Sont 17 2000
Coyle, Leon Michael		
Crawford, Douglas Alexander		
Crawford, Douglas Alexander		
Crinklaw, John Jay		
Crocker, Lewis Charles		
Crowder Boy Hereld		
Crowder, Ray Harold	VVIIIQSOF	Sept. 14, 2000
Crutcher, Gordon Collings		
Cumming, John Alexander		
Curl, Gordon Franklin	Guelph	Sept. 13, 2001

Name	Valley	Date Received
Currie, Horatio Daryl		
Cuthbertson, Dale Alexander	Sarnia	Sept. 12, 2002
Dale, Ian Brickenden	London	Sept. 13, 2007
Dasti, David Allen		
Davidson, Donald Alan		
Davidson, Gary William		
Davidson, John	Kingston	
Davies, Richard Cerwyn	Toronto	Sept. 16, 2004
Davies, Thomas Richard		
Dawe, David Douglas	Sault Ste. Marie	Sept. 15, 2016
Day, Robert Avery		
Deline, Ronald Gradon		
Dennis, Michael Glen		
Dixon, John Ross		
Dobson, David Bruce	Barrie	Sept. 13, 1990
Dobson, John Kaberry		
Domjan, Louis Michael		
Douglas, Thomas Kennedy		
Dow, Murray Austin		
Dowling, David Garry		
Downes, Bowers Andrew		
Downey, Douglas John	Hamilton	Sept. 13, 2001
Draker, Fredrick Douglas	Hamilton	Sept. 14, 2000
Drew, Robert Arthur	Ottawa	
Dunn, Frank Gerald	Toronto	
Dunn, Wayne Edward	London	Sept. 11, 2014
Durant, Mark Spencer		
Dvorak, Allan Charles		
Edwards, Bruce Gordon		
Edwards, Timothy Alan		
Elcombe, Edward Williamson	Toronto	Sept. 11, 1997
Elgie, Wayne Earl		
Emerick, Philip Walter	 Chatham	Sept. 13, 1990
Ennest, William Stephen Scott	 Niagara	Sept. 17, 2009
Ewen, Peter Donald	•	
Eyre, Michael Sean		
Fairbairn, George Brent		
Falkingham, John <i>Douglas</i>		
Farrell, Paul Gilbert		
Fenton, Paul Douglas	Hamilton	Sept. 16, 2004
Ferrie, David	Barrie	Sept. 13, 2012
Fick, Donald Ray	London	Sept. 13, 1990
Fickling, David Arthur	London	
Fiddes, Thomas Henry	Hamilton	
Findlater, Ronald Leroy Mitchell		
Fisher, Thomas Keith		
Flemming, Lloyd Roy		
Foote, Robert <i>Harold</i>		
Ford James Edwin	London	Sent 16 2004
Ford, James Edwin	LUIIUUII	Οθρί. 10, 2004

Name	Valley	Date Received
Fordham, Frank Richard	Hamilton	Sept. 12, 1996
Forster, Robert Brooks		
Frank, William Charles	London	Sept. 07, 1978
Fraser, Angus Robertson		
Freedman, Richard Lee		
Freeman, Walter John	Kingston	Sept. 14, 2006
Froud, Jeffrey Lawrence	North Bay	
Fudge, Kevin Scott	Peterborough	
Funnell, Norman Gordon		
Furlong, John		
Galt, Douglas Everett		
Gamble, Raymond Lloyd		
Gardner, Kenneth Lorne		
German, Harvey Edwin		
Gilchrist, Gary Lee		
Gill, Charles Sydney	Niagara	Sept. 12. 2013
Gillman, Robert Lee		
Gilmore, Samuel		
Ginn, Harold Scott		
Goodall, John Turner		
Goodman, Clarence Henry ( <i>Cam</i> )		
Govan, Victor		
Graham, John <i>Francis</i>		
Grant, Andrew Gordon		
Grant, Ray Wilson	Ottawa	Sept 16 2004
Gray, Andrew Philip	Peterborough	Sept. 15, 2005
Green, John Cameron		
Greer, Rodney Eldon		
Grieve, Allan Stuart		
Grieve, Gordon Thomas	Sarnia	Sent 17 2015
Groshaw, Ronald Eric		
Groves, Franklin William		
Haines, Richard <i>Noel</i>		
Hale, Herbert James		
Hall, Donald Rowse	London Kingston	
Hall, James Sherwood		
Hamilton, Donald John	Guelph	Sept. 13, 2011
Hamilton, James Arthur		
Hamilton, James Arthur Hamilton, Lachlan Finnick		
Hanna, John Robert		
Hannah, Stophon Goorge		
Hannah, Stephen George		
Harding Jack Amov		
Harding, Jack Amey		Sept. 15, 1983
Harding, James Lee		
Harper, James Mark		
Harris, Hugh Robert		
Harris, Ivan Merl		
Harris, Roger Allan	Windsor	Sept. 12, 2002

Name	Valley	Date Received
Harrison, Donald Ferdinand		
Hart, James Francis		
Hatt, Clare Roger	London	Sept. 11, 1997
Hay, John Richard		
Hazlitt, Gregory Hill		Sept. 08, 1994
Heath, George Charles		
Hedges, Christopher Ross		
Hedges, Frederick Gordon	Barrie	Sept. 15, 2011
Hedley, Jeffery Paul		
Henry, Gordon Ronald	Peterborough	Sept. 12, 1991
Hewson, Lawrence James		
Hicks, Larry Arthur		
Hilderley, Robert John	Woodstock	Sept. 15, 2011
Hillgren, Harold Einar		
Hogg, Alan Davis	Toronto	Sept. 08, 1994
Hooker, Philip Rice Alexander		
Hooper, Paul William	Windsor	Sept. 16, 1999
Hopcraft, Gordon Norman	North Bay	Sept. 11, 2003
Hopkins, Bernard Gordon		
Horne, McAllister		
Hornell, John Alfred		
Hornibrook, Terrence Malcolm		
Hubbell, Harold Gordon		
Hugill, Robert Carl		
Hull, Thomas Raynard		
Hunter, William Dale		Sept. 12, 2013
Hutchinson, Frederick David		
Hutchinson, James Hugh		
Hutt, Alexander Rae		
Hynd, Wayne Charles	Barrie	Sept. 12, 1985
Imrie, John Houston	Barrie	Sept. 11, 2008
Inglis, Robert Martin	North Bay	Sept. 11, 2008
Irion, Siegfreid		Sept. 16, 2010
Irvine, John <i>Brian</i>	Ottawa	Sept. 17, 1998
Irwin, John Orr		Sept. 11, 2003
Jack, Lachlan Brooke		Sept. 11, 1986
Jackson, Gregory Thomas		
Jackson, John Leonard	Windsor	Sept. 14, 2000
Jacobson, David Stanley		
Jagges, Douglas William	Barrie	Sept. 15, 2005
James, Alfred William Fraser		Sept. 17, 2009
James, Paul Anthony		Sept. 15, 2005
James, Robert Charles	Toronto	Sept. 15, 2005
Jeffery, Larry William Howard		
Jenkins, Kenneth A		
Jensen, Norman <i>Eric</i>		
Jess, Marshall Stephen		
Johnson, Brian Lorne		Sept. 13, 1990
Johnson Frie Norman	Danie Thunder Roy	
Johnson, Eric Norman	rnunder bay	Sept. 15, 2016

Name	Valley	Date Received
Johnstone, Ivor John		
Johnstone, Norman Tyrrell	Toronto	Sept. 13, 2007
Jones, David Leslie	Sault Ste Marie	Sept. 17, 2009
Jones, Donald Edward		
Jones, Earl Martin		
Jones, Glenson Trevelyn	Ottawa	Sept. 16, 1999
Jones, Harris Merton		
Jones, Kevin Ronald Arthur	Ottawa	Sept. 13, 2012
Jones, Roderick Lee		
Judd, John Edward		
Iulian, Donald <i>Brent</i>		
Keay, Robert Alexander		
Keeler, Ross Charles		
Kerr, James Clayton		
Kerr, Robert Edward	Hamilton	Sept. 11, 2008
Kerr, Stanley <i>David</i>		
King, Andrew Baptie		
Kingsley, Michael Joseph		
Kingsmill, Thomas <i>Frederick</i>		
Kingston, James David		
Kirk-White, James Fredrick Thomas		
Knapp, George Kenneth		
Knott, Roderick Dawson	Barrie	
Koivu, Brian Vilho	Sudbury	Sept 15 2011
Kostandoff, Louis James		
Kreibich, Kenneth Louis		
LaFleur, Vernon Ivor		
Laliberte, Donald <i>Kenneth</i>		
Lansdell, Norman Lewis		
_appan, Clifford Earl		
atimer, Ray Burton	Barrie	Sent 1/ 1989
_aughton, Donald <i>James</i>	Windsor	
awson, Bryan Wilmer	Barrie	
Lee, Dennis Harold	Toronto	Sept. 13, 2007
Lee, Murray William		
Leek, William <i>Jame</i> s		
Lees, Melville Francis		
Lees, William Thomas		
Levitt, Leslie	Hamilton	Sopt 12 1006
Lewis, Ralph William	TOTOTILO	Sopt 12 1006
Lidstone, John <i>William</i> Linegar, Kevin John Peter	Barrie	Sont 11 2000
Linnemoller, Mark		
Lintaman, Darrell William		
Lithgow, Douglas Allan		
Liukko, Paavo Eric		
Lockwood, Leroy Bruce		
Loshaw, Giles Orville		
_ove, Roland	namilion	Sept. 13, 1990

Name	Valley	Date Received
Lowery, John Kenneth	Toronto	Sept. 11, 2008
Lowry, Gordon Wyatt	Hamilton	Sept. 15, 2005
Lowry, Lyn Milton	Peterborough	Sept. 14, 2006
Lundberg, Neil Alfred		
Luxton, Wilbert Daniel		
MacCallum, John Arthur		
MacKenzie, John Duncan		
MacKewn, Charles Frederick, Jr		
Mackey, David Richard		
MacKinnon, Elroy John	Toronto	Sept. 17, 2015
MacLeod, David Cameron		
MacLeod, John Russell		
MacLeod, Wendall Everett	Toronto	Sept. 12, 1996
MacNevin, Randy Alexander		
MacPherson, John Lando		
Magwood, Gary William		
Malek, Joe	Barrie	Sent 11 2014
Maley, Peter George William	Hamilton	Sent 15 2005
Mallabar, Richard Cameron		
Mandeville, Roland Patrick		
Mannisto, John Pentti	Soult Sto Mario	Sopt 11 1080
Marr, George Alexander		
Marshall, Thomas Richard	Ningoro	Sept. 17, 2015
Martin, David Graeme		
Martin, Ross Lyle		
Martin, Stephen Wayne		
Mathie, Norman		
Matijek, Peter John		
Mavor, Charles Whyte		
Mawdsley, Jack Stanley		
Maynard, Terry Albert		
McAuley, William <i>Wayne</i>		
McBrine, Richard George		
McCarthy, Stephen Justin		Sept. 12, 2013
McCausland, Arnold		
McConnell, Jonathan David		
McGill, Noel Ian Murray		
McGuire, Donald Ross	Chatham	
McIlveen, George <i>Murray</i>	Ottawa	
McIlvenna, John		
McIntyre, Alfred Scott		
McIntyre, John Ross	London	Sept. 13, 2001
McIntyre, Stephen Robert		
McKaig, John Albert	London	Sept. 14, 2006
McKay, Edward Clark	Hamilton	Sept. 11, 2014
McKay, Gordon Alexander	North Bay	
McKee, Charles Robert	Barrie	Sept. 14, 2006
McKenna, Michael Joseph	Toronto	Sept. 11, 2003
McKillip, John William		

Name	Valley	Date Received
McLelland, Andrew Lind		
McLeod, Douglas	North Bay	Sept. 16, 2004
McMillan, Ronald William		Sept. 15, 2005
McNair, Ronald Julian		
Meadows, Raymond Russel		
Mennie, Bertie Allan	Guelph	Sept. 11, 1986
Militello, John		
Miller, Ralph Harold	Kingston	Sept. 12, 2013
Miller, William Bruce		
Miller, William James		
Minor, Marvin Douglas		
Mitchell, George Arthur		
Moffat, Blain Ronald		
Molata, Richard Lewis	Hamilton	Sept. 12, 2013
Monteith, Kenneth Ernest		
Moore, Donald Ross		Sept. 17, 1998
Moore, Frederick Thomas	Rarrie	Sept. 17, 1990 Sept. 08, 1994
Morgan, Gary Stewart		
Morris, George Alexander		
Morrow, Alred Latona		
Mortlock, Thomas Albert		
Morton, George William	Thunder bay	Sept. 10, 2004
Mosey, Robert Lyle	vvindsor	Sept. 13, 1984
Moulton, Benjamin Clarence		
Mullen, Paul James	London	Sept. 12, 2002
Mumby, Donald Herbert		Sept. 12, 2002
Murphy, Allison Richard		
Murray, Gordon Philip		Sept. 13, 2007
Murtagh, Kevin Patrick		
Mustard, Harold Francis William	Niagara	Sept. 11, 1997
Mylks, Herbert Gordon	Kingston	
Napier, James Murray	Windsor	Sept. 11, 1980
Napper, George Alan		Sept. 12, 2002
Nelson, Gary <i>Wayne</i>	North Bay	Sept. 14, 1989
Nesbitt, James Russell		Sept. 10, 1987
Newton, Harold Edward		Sept. 17, 2015
Nichols, Arthur <i>Douglas</i>	Toronto	Sept. 12, 1991
Nichols, David William		Sept. 16, 2010
Nichols, Lawson Blair	Ottawa	Sept. 10, 1987
Nickerson, Kris David	Hamilton	Sept. 11, 2014
Noble, Dennis Marshall	Hamilton	Sept. 14, 2000
D'Leary, Dennis Michael	Windsor	Sept. 15, 2005
Dakes, Lloyd Horning	 Hamilton	Sept. 07, 1978
O'Brien, Robert William		
Ochitwa, Peter		
Olender, Carl Anthony		Sept. 16, 2004
Oliver, Herbert Franklin	Barrie	Sept. 08, 1994
Oliver, Thomas <i>Clayton</i>		Sept. 15, 2011
Olley, Gregory Edward	Toronto	Sept. 15, 2016

Name	Valley	Date Received
Olm, Keith <i>Dale</i>	Ottawa	Sept. 15, 2011
O'Sullivan, Wayne Douglas	Chatham	Sept. 17, 2015
Overholt, Hubert George	Windsor	Sept. 12, 1985
Pachal, Terence Dennis Fredric	North Bay	Sept. 12, 1996
Page, Warren Edward		
Pagonis, Anatasios ( <i>Tom</i> )		
Palin, Russell William		
Panke, Burton Reinhold		
Papavramidis, Dimitrios		
Parker, Robert Edwin	London	Sept 15, 2011
Parliament, Roger Garnott	Hamilton	Sept 10, 2011
Paterson, John McKenzie		
Payette, John Ronald		
Pearce, Bruce Ernest		
Pearcy, Douglas James		
Pedler, David Harold		
Pedwell, Timothy Russell		
Pellow, William Russel		
Percy, Joseph Arthur		Sept. 17, 2009
Perham, John Harold		
Peters, Stephen John		
Petrisor, Allan John		
Plummer, Larry David		
Plyley, John Milton	Niagara	Sept. 10, 1992
Polkinghorne, Peter John		
Poon, Stanley Akit		
Pos, Jacob		
Potter, Gary George	London	Sept. 17, 2009
Pratt, Donald Leigh Buchanan	Woodstock	Sept. 14, 1989
Preet, William Charles		
Pridham, Norman Stanley Thompson		
Pudas, James Albert		
Quinn, Keith Edwin		
Quinn, Wayne Allan	Sudbury	Sept. 16, 1999
Rance, Harry <i>Raymond</i>		
Rapley, Frederick John		
Ratuszny, John Eugene		
Reid, Charles Henry Morton	Toronto	Sept. 11, 2008
Reidl, Charles Frank	Guelph	Sept 11 1997
Richardson, Frank	Barrie	
Richardson, William Thomas	Peterborough	Sent 11 2014
Robertson, Lewis Bertred	Barrie	
Rogers, Murray Alan ( <i>Butch</i> )		
Rose, Hugh Donald		
Ross, Robert Charles		
Rousell, Don Herbert	Sudbury	Sept. 17, 2015
Rumbles, Brian Timothy		Sept. 12, 1996
Runciman, Robert Thomas	Suabury	Sept. 10, 1992
Runions, James Allan	Guelph	Sept. 16, 1999

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Salmon, Lanny Ross	Hamilton	Sept. 11, 2014
Saunders, Ronald Douglas		
Schell, Leslie Ellwan		
Schmeler, David Francis		
Schweitzer, Brian Kenneth		
Scott, David Gibson		
Scott, Graham Alexander		
Scott, Johnston Arthur Hamm		
Scott, Robert McNaught		
Segui, Thomas <i>Bilardino</i>	L ondon	Sept 11 2008
Shand, Terence		
Shannon, Brian Carle		
Shaver, Gary Lawson	Ottawa	Sent 14 2000
Shaver, Jack Edward		
Shaw, Eric Llewellyn		
Shea, Melvin Lee		
Sheard, Robert Wesley		
Silk David Murroy		
Silk, David Murray		
Simpson, Donald <i>Alan</i>		
Sinden, James George		
Singleton, Steven Arthur	I oronto	Sept. 14, 2006
Sircar, Rajender Kumar	I oronto	Sept. 13, 2012
Slack, Maynard John	Kingston	Sept. 13, 1984
Slee, Richard Charles		
Sleightholm, Lorne <i>Terry</i>		
Slessor, John Ambrose		
Smith, Allan Lavern		
Smith, David Lenard	Toronto	Sept. 16, 2004
Smith, Donald Beverly	Sarnia	Sept. 08, 1988
Smith, Donald Glen	London	Sept. 13, 2007
Smith, Donald Goodwin	Peterborough	Sept. 08, 1988
Smith, Frederick Charles	London	Sept. 11, 2014
Smith, John <i>Kevin</i>	Woodstock	Sept. 11, 2014
Smith, John Reginald	Thunder Bay	Sept. 12, 1991
Smith, Leo Joseph		
Smith, Robert Ellard		
Snider, Barry Craig		
Solomon, Alexander Charles		
Soucisse, Garry David		
South, William Edward	North Bay	Sept. 11, 2014
Spence, Reade Kendall	Chatham	Sept. 16, 2004
Spencer, Gordon Wallace		
Stacey, Norman Gerald		
Stamboulian, Libarid		
Stapleton, George Elwood		
Stathakis, Koulis ( <i>Ken</i> )		
Steed, Arnold Lyall		
Steele, James Albert	London	ა <del>ა</del> рւ. 10, 1961

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Stein, Harry	Toronto	Sept. 12, 2002			
Stephen, Arnold Paul		Sept. 14, 2000			
Stephenson, Clive David					
Stevens, David Mark					
Stewart, Charles Bruce					
Stewart, Errol Anthony	Toronto	Sept. 16, 2010			
Stewart, James Kenneth					
Stewart, John Gordon	Toronto	Sept. 14, 2006			
Stewart, Larry Hugh					
Stewart, Ronald Gary	Guelph	Sent 15, 2016			
Stewart, Ronald James					
Stillar, Gerald Andrew					
Stinson, Ronald Thomas					
Stoddart, Alan John					
Strain, Stuart GordonStuart, Gordon Harold	Hamilton	Sont 11 1086			
Sutherland, William Ross					
Tagallie, Ashton Anthony					
Tapp, Lynford Earle					
Tarcea, George Richard					
Tate, Robert Clifford					
Taylor, Norman Ernest					
Taylor, Robert Melville					
Taylor, Ronald John Garfield					
Thom, Daryl Arthur	Niagara	Sept. 15, 2005			
Thompson, Donald <i>William</i>					
Thompson, Gerald Archibald					
Thompson, John Franklin					
Todd, John Herbert					
Todd, Paul Edward	Ottawa	Sept. 11, 2008			
Toole, Christopher Earl	Barrie	Sept. 12, 2013			
Tooley, Barry Byrne	Sudbury	Sept. 17, 2015			
Toswell, Harold Duncan	North Bay	Sept. 15, 1983			
Truscott, Robert William	Windsor	Sept. 17, 2015			
Turek, George	Toronto	Sept. 15, 2011			
Turner, Gerald Lawrence					
Utton, William Frederic					
Vail, Bradley Louis		Sept. 15, 2011			
van Rees, Edward Gerrit Theodoor		Sept. 11, 1997			
Veitch, Kenneth Carman		Sept. 12, 1991			
Walker, David George	Barrie	Sept. 11, 2008			
Walker, George Dexter	Barrie	Sept. 16, 2004			
Wallace, John					
Walsh, Earl John					
Wark, James Orville					
Warner, Donald James Edward	Windsor	Sent 11 2008			
Warren, Earl <i>David</i>					
Warren, Steven Earl					
Waters, Calvin	10101110	Sept. 10, 1992			

Name	Valley	Date Received		
Watson, Frederick Ralph ( <i>Erick</i> )	Peterborough	Sept. 15, 2011		
Watson, John Henry	Sarnia			
Watson, Robert Trevor	Peterborough	Sept. 15, 2005		
Wayrynen, Leo Allen				
Webster, John Lawrence				
Webster, Robert Glen				
Webster, William Donald				
Weeks, William Joseph Lawrence				
Weir, Jervis				
Welbanks, Eric Francis	Kingston			
West, Douglas, Allan				
West, Maynard Burton				
West, Ralph Henry				
White, Allan William				
White, William Morris	L ondon			
Whitely, Larry George				
Whiteside, Donald Walker				
Whiting, Kenneth Lawrence				
Whitmore, Bruce Neil				
Wilcock, Arthur Beverley				
Wilson, Gerald Morris		Sept. 13, 1974		
Wilson, Harold Raymond				
Winder, Edward <i>Dixon</i>	London			
Winfield, Leigh Herbert		Sept. 08, 1994		
Winter, Clark Wayne				
Winterton, Donald Herbert Charles				
Wood, Michael Graham				
Woodhead, Harry <i>Evan</i>				
Woods, Sidney John	Barrie	Sept. 16, 1999		
Wright, Herbert <i>Ernest</i>				
Yeo, Ross Kenneth				
Young, Robert McDonald	Toronto	Sept. 16, 2004		
PRINC	E EDWARD ISLAND (6)			
Burleigh, James William				
Burleigh, Paul James	Summerside			
Campbell, David Roy	Summerside	Sept. 10, 1992		
Henderson, Phillip Henry	Summerside	Sept. 16, 2004		
Newson, James <i>Wayne</i>	Summerside	Sept. 11, 2014		
Roy, Robert Hugh				
	QUEBEC (25)			
Arturi, Paul	Quebec	Sept. 11, 2003		
Atkins, David <i>Ralph</i>				
Bourdius, Robert John				
Buckland, Rexford Arthur Joseph	Montréal	Sept. 11. 2003		
De Sevigne, John Howard	Montréal	Sept. 11, 2014		
Djigounain, Jean-Baptiste	Montréal	Sept. 15, 2011		
Dobby, Lawrence Paul		Sept. 16, 2004		

Name	Valley	Date Received			
Fidler, Earl Norton		Sept. 14, 1995			
Foisy, Pierre					
Forshaw, Clifford Frank					
Guay, Joseph Claude Richard	Montréal	Sept. 17, 2015			
Herridge, Brian Albert	Montréal	Sept. 12, 1991			
Laframboise, Rejean	Montréal	Sept. 16, 2010			
Lawrance, William	Montréal				
Lebeuf, Andre	Quebec	Sept. 15, 2005			
Leide, John Edgar		Sept. 14, 2006			
Logan, John Hugh Davidson	Montréal	Sept. 12, 1996			
Lono, Armand John	Montréal	Sept. 12, 1996			
MacNicoll, Ernest Albert					
Oustwani, Fayez	Montréal	Sept. 15, 2016			
Ross, Donald Carter	Montréal				
Sandhu, Opkar Singh	Montréal				
Sicard, Marc-André					
Snickars, Peter John	Montréal	Sept. 17, 2009			
Thibodeau, Joseph Aime Gilles					
S	ASKATCHEWAN (26)				
Bachynski, Colin Borden	Regina	Sept. 15, 2005			
Bennett, Donald William					
Brunsdon, William Richard Ian		Sept. 15, 2011			
Bye, Raymond George	Regina				
Cameron, Allen Orville	Regina	Sept. 10, 1981			
Cameron, Archibald Bethel	Saskatoon	Sept. 15, 2005			
Davey, James Gordon	Saskatoon	Sept. 17, 2015			
Flegg, Donald Carman	Regina/Saskatoon				
Gutfriend, Richard Joseph	Regina				
Hanlan, Graham Ronald					
Heal, Ronald Wilbur		Sept. 11, 1997			
Hyland, Daryl Ricky					
MacLachlan, John Stuart					
Martin, Foster Murray	Regina	Sept. 15, 2011			
Matheson, Robert Neil	Saskatoon	Sept. 12, 1985			
Meyers, David Florian	Saskatoon	Sept. 13, 2007			
Morris, William Wesley	Saskatoon				
Munn, Morley Eldon	Regina				
Pizzey, Willmer Alfred					
Rigden, Charles Andrew		Sept. 16, 2004			
Robinson, Ronald Harry					
Rondeau, Kirk Malcolm					
Sandiford, Erskine Frank					
Sherstobitoff, Jonathan Lynn	Saskatoon				
Sherstobitoff, Peter John	Saskatoon	Sept. 10, 1987			
Sherstobitoff, Randall James	Saskatoon	Sept. 11, 2014			

# Members At Large By Virtue of Art. 13 (19)

Name	Valley	Date Received
Aberdeen, Robert Gordon John	Edmonton	Sept. 11, 1980
Boughton, Glenn Rayner		
Brower-Berkhoven, Isaac Brock		
Carey, Jack Ernest	Regina	Sept. 14, 2006
De Jong, Adolf Charles	Montréal	Sept. 13, 1984
Moorse, Brian Jeffrey		
Mumford, Gene Gordon	Guelph	Sept. 16, 2004
Nissen, Peter Ragnar		Sept. 13, 1990
Perry, Alan Martin		
Prideaux, Francis Donald St. John	Wookstock	Sept. 15, 2005
Raine, Norman David	Fredericton	Sept. 13, 1990
Ramsay, Harold Douglas		
Rutherford, Frederick Ingram		
Strover, Wyndham Alfred	Saint John	Sept. 07, 1978
Swing, Walter Frederick		
Thomas, Norman Randall		
Vandermeulen, Randall George	Brandon	Sept. 15, 2005
Weaver, Lorne Bruce	Windsor	Sept. 15, 2005
Wilkinson, Tom David	Edmonton	Sept. 16, 1999
Members At	Large By Virtue of Art. 14 (1)	
Robbins, George Russell	Hamilton	Sept. 12, 2002

# Honorary Members of Other Supreme Councils Since 1874

1874	†Dr. Robert Hamilton	Grand Chaplain	*England & Wales
	†Hon. Albert Pike	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Josiah H. Drummond	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1877	†John F. Townshend	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
1888	†The Earl of Lathom	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Col. Nathaniel G. Phillips	P. Sov. Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†The Earl of Rosslyn	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
	†Jacinto de Castro	Sovereign Grand Commander	St. Domingo
	†Henry L. Palmer	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†George Otis Tyler	Active Member	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1892	†D. Burnam Tracy	Active Member	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1893	†Brenton Daniel Babcock	Active Member	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1895	†Frederick Webber	Secretary-General	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1897	†Clinton Paige	Secretary-General	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1906	†Hon. James D. Richardson	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†James Hodge Codding	Secretary-General	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†James Isaac Buchanan	Active Member	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1907	†The Compte G.D'Alviella	Sovereign Grand Commander	Belgium
1909	†Jean Marie Raymond	Sovereign Grand Commander	France
	†William Homan	Active Member	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Gen. Samuel C.Lawrence	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1913	†Field Marshall H.R.H. Arthur W.P.A.		
	Duke of Connaught & Strathern K.G.	Grand Patron	*England & Wales
	†Barton Smith	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1915	†George Fleming Moore	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1922	†Raoul V. Palermi	Sovereign Grand Commander	Italy
	†Leon Martin Abbott	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1924	†Ernest Bertrand Hussey	Grand Rep.S. C. of Canada	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1927	†John H. Cowles	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1929	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore K.P	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales

1932	†Frederic B.Stevens	P.Grand Lt. Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1933	†Melvin Maynard Johnson	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1937	†Charles C. Nisbet	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
	†Hon. Justice Gerald FitzGibbon	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
1941	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Stair, K.T., D.S.O	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
1943	†J. Gilbart Smyly	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
1949	†Col. Sir Henry McMahon, G.C.M.G	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†George E. Bushnell	Past Grand Lt Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1950	†Sir Trevor J. Matthews	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Elgin & Kincardine	Past Grand Lt Commander	Scotland
1952	†Raymond F. Brooke	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
	†Frederic H. Stevens	Sovereign Grand Commander	Philippines
1953	†Thomas J. Harkins	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Charles P. Summerall	Grand Minister of State	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†René J. Raymond	Sovereign Grand Commander	France
1954	†N. Garcia Bapista	Sovereign Grand Commander	Venezuela
1955	†The Right Hon. The Lord Saltoun	Grand Chancellor	Scotland
1955	†Fabian Onsari	Sovereign Grand Commander	Argentina
	†Thomas C. Law	Active Member	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Arthur L. F. Cook	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
1956	†Major Robert L. Loyd, M.C., O.B.E	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Luther A. Smith	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1964	†The Right Hon. The Lord Macdonald	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
	†Col. Sir Basil A. T. McFarland	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
	†W. B. I. Hofman	Sovereign Grand Commander	The Netherlands
1964	†Conrado Benitez	Sovereign Grand Commander	Philippines
	†Raul Cordero Amador	Sovereign Grand Commander	Mexico
1967	†George A. Newbury	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1969	†Sir Eric Studd, Bt., O.B.E.	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
1970	†Henry C. Clausen	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1971	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Galloway	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland

1976	†Major-General Sir Ralph Hone	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Stanley F. Maxwell	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1980	†Alberto Mansur	Sovereign Grand Commander	Brazil
1982	Henri L. Baranger	Sovereign Grand Commander	France
1986	†C. Fred Kleinknecht	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Francis G. Paul	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1982	†Harold D. Still	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Lauri Sarkia		
	†C. J. P. van Boven	Sovereign Grand Commander	The Netherlands
	†Jean-Pierre Grenier	Sovereign Grand Commander	Switzerland
	†Sidney R. Baxter	Asst. to the SGC	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1993	†Andrew Watt	Sovereign Grand Commander	Australia
	†Agustin Arriaga Rivera	Sovereign Grand Commander	Mexico
1994	Robert O. Ralston	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†David Kruger	Grand Secretary-General	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
2000	†J. Philip Berquist	Past Deputy for Massachusetts	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
2004	†Walter E. Webber	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, USA
2005	Ronald A. Seale	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, USA
	Jack D. Rehberg	Grand Almoner, Active Member	Southern Jurisdiction, USA
2006	Jack Ball	Sovereign Grand Commander	Australia
2007	John Wm. McNaughton	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, USA
2011	Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres	Sovereign Grand Commander	Brazil
	George Turek	Honorary Inspector-General	Czech Republic
2012	Jean Luc Fauque		
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### **Active Members of Supreme Council of Canada Since Formation**

Thomas Douglas Harington

Robert Marshall

† John Walter Murton † Hugh Alexander MacKay

John Valentine Ellis

David Ransom Munro

James Domville

James Kirkpatrick Kerr

Hugh William Chisholm

William James Bury MacLeod Moore

† William Reid

William Henry Hutton †

† **Eugene Mortimer Copeland** 

Isaac Henry Stearns †

Benjamin Lester Peters

Robert Thomas Clinch +

† **Hugh Murray** 

William Benjamin Simpson †

† Charles Napier Bell

**Daniel Spry** †

Francis Partridge †

George Thomas Smithers

David McLelland

John Morison Gibson

Herbert Swinford

† Frederick Joseph Menet

† **Edward Lusher Foster** 

Angus William Hooper †

James Frederick Walker †

William Henry Thorne

John James Mason

Albert Daniel Nelson

**Enoch Bruce Butterworth** †

† William Henry Ballard

Benjamin Tooke †

John De Wolfe Chipman †

† Charles Wells Hager

Benjamin Allen †

Elias Talbot Malone

Daniel Fraser MacWatt

Alexander Stephen †

† John McKechnie

Roderick MacNeill †

William Brown McArthur

William Gibson

† William George Eakins

Sydney Albert Luke †

Joseph Richard Seymore

William Marshall Black †

† **Edwin James Everett** 

**Donald Darrach** 

Thomas Lees

James Glanville Stuart Harman Lees Frederick Justus Howell

Alexander McDougall

† T. Harry Webb

William Allen Young

John Alexander Cameron

Thomas Walker

Alfred Frederick Webster

Augustus Toplady Freed

James Henry Winfield

Lewis Frederick Riggs

**Edward Ainslie Braithwaite** 

Alexander Sheppard

† Frank Charters

Frank Goodell Wait †

George Moore

John McKnight

Arthur Carson McMaster

Alexander Flemming Copland Ross †

John Crawford Scott

Walter Hammill Davis

Jabez Miller

Robert William Clewlo

Walter Norris Duff

Albert Edward Cooper †

Joseph Elwood Miller †

William McGregor Logan †

William Hugh Wardrope

Arthur Barton Wood +

**Edward Harper Cairns** †

Stewart Coulter Burton John Albert Rowland

† **Douglas Gordon McIllwraith** 

† Harry Holgate Watson

George Davidson Ellis †

William James Mayor †

Murdoch James Macleod †

Arthur Stirling Gorrell †

Oliver Edward Stanton

John Albert Dobbie

Alexander Chisholm

James Alexander Henderson

Francis James Burd †

**Derwin Trevor Owen** 

Charles Stanton Hamilton

Frank Armitage Copus

James Mackie

Charles Fenson Sanford

George William Mercier Ballard

George Henry Ross †

† Harold Thomson Malcolmson

Charles Laurie Ells

**Douglas Fraser** 

Thomas Kingsmill Wade

George Barlow Ingraham

† Reginald Francis Wright

James Alexander Simpson

† Howard Brown Moore

t William Carswell

† Clarence MacLeod Pitts

† Arthur Cross

† George Frederick Kingsmill

† William Carey Ditmars

† Hugh Macdonald Dunlop

† Walter Hall Ross

† Charles Herbert Cunningham

† Fred Loran Wallace

† William David Lawrence

† Walter Hall Russell

† Richard Coulton Berkinshaw

† John Robert Charles Evans

† Reginald William Louthood

† Howard Burton MacDonald

† George Cleveland Derby

† Clarence McNaughton Steeves

† Alexander George Storie

† Ernest Burdette Thompson

† Donald Alexander Roy McCannel

† William Addison Henry

† Carroll Nelson Simpson

† Reginald Vanderbilt Harris

† James McLean Marshall

† Robert Barclay Pow

† Albert Edward Fowles

† John Rudd Rumball

† Robert Alexander Brunie Woottom

† William Lockridge Wright

† Harry Eastwood Howard

† Clyde Sinclair Clancy

† Ernest Macaulay Dilton

† Herbert Busby Jackson

† Bernard Veysey Atkinson

† William Alfred Jones

† Walter Hodgins Gibson

† George Allan Wilson

† Walter Clinton McDonald

† Robert Moore Stanton

† Wilbert George Welby

† Donald Lloyd Witter

† Thaddeus Mark Sieniewicz

† Arthur Lawrence Scace

† Kenneth Roberts Nelson

† William Coulter Rennick

† Charles Joseph Boyle

† Frederick Edward Belsham

† Henry Arthur Vallieres

† Reginald Clifford Hodsman

† Donald Methuen Fleming

† John Herbert Forbes

† Roy Woodrow Austin † Frederic James Veale

† Robert Eldon Greer

† James Palmer Kent

George Stanley Rogers

† Harvey Roy Doane

† David Monteith Taylor

Alfred Irwin McFarlane

† Thomas Llewelyn Wilson

Walter Stewart Owen

† Gordon Murray Barrie

† Cyril Cormick

† George Edward Turner

† Walter Henry Mortlock

† Gordon Alexander Ferguson

Moritmer Cleeve Hooper

† Frederick John Mitchell

† Richard John Lord

† George Cairncross Schaef

† Gordon Lockhart Bennett

t Raymond Kenneth Adams

† Patrick Henry Scott Campbell

Charles Alfred Sankey

† Peter Alexander Sinclair

† Delmar Francis Horton

† Ben Lowrie Robinson

† Wilfrid Nasmith Paterson

† Robert George Loftus

t Walter Robertson Carveth

† Norval Richard Richards

† David James Miller

† Lyle Herbert Bergstrom

† Robert Wilkinson Faithful

† Lloyd George Miller

† John Vincent Lawer

† Ingram Dale Steeves

John Crawford Sutherland

† John Allan Bourne

† Lionel Cecil Martin

† Albert William Thompson

† Kempton Keeble

† William Worwood

† Allan Loren Mackay

† Ralph Hamilton Rutherford

† William Alexander Milligan

† George Carlton Phair

† Nigel Malcolm MacLean

† Harold Scott McLellan

† Gordon Keith Trenholm

Gerald Allister Chaulk

† Edmund Stanley Matheson Harold Edward Crosby

† William Ralph Carmichael

† John Craig Allan

† Robert Colledge

† Howard Arthur Cox

† Allen Keith Buckland

† Howard Theodore Vallevand

William Cheston Smith

Gordon Stanley Young

- † William Joseph McCoid
- † Douglas Andrew Rennie
- † Leo Arthur Marquis
- † Wallace Edward Bryan
- † Thomas Raymond Powell
- † Kenneth Neil Nesbitt
- † John Wyatt Lowry Donald Walter Lambie Thomas Virgil Hannan
- † Norman Emile Auclair
- † John Campbell Matheson
- † John Ingram Carrick
- † John Durkee Atchison
- † Donald Wilfred Dixon
- † Thomas William Sefton Band
- † William Fairley
- † Douglas Myles Wilson
- † Joseph Newcombe Fenton
- † Robert Taplin Comrie
- † Norman Edward Byrne
- † Glenn Marvin Martin
- † James Campbell Bassey
- † Ross Alexander Wilson Robert Alfred Barnett John Earl Esworthy Winch
- † Daniel Fraser Howes Orlan John Weber
- † Phillip Hendry Raymond Robert Lawrence Waddell
- † Edward George Kerr
- † Richard Elliot Barr
- † Charles Robert Townshend
- † Norman George Clarke Robert George Wands
- † Donald Norman Campbell John Dennis Chadbourne Alexander William Watson Donald Roy Thornton
- † Clark Murray Gilmour Philippe Armand Decelles Kenneth Samuel Orr Richard David Quinton Stanley James Clayton Donald Adam Murray William Archibald Dorman Cook Harry Edward Standish
- † Walter John Matyczuk
  Matthew Francis Todd
  Charles Edwin Drew
  Allard Boudewijn Loopstra
  John Andrew Prosnick
  Donald Douglas Thornton
  Michael Ward
  Robert Stuart Whitmore

- John Carl Fairthorne Thomas Edward Lewis Brian Wilfred Gilkinson Oliver Jack Sproule Robert LeRoux Taylor Rozin Daniel Iwanicki Richard Austin Howell Brown Michael David Huron Farr Pierre Arthur Phaneuf Loren William Kline Ray Thomas Bryant Marvin LeGrange Munro Maurice Hrvcvk Kenneth Dean McComb Gareth Rhys Taylor William Charles Fitzsimmons James Taylor Wood James Stephen Ross Sydney Raymond Whiteley
- † Kenneth Richard Rutherford George Neilson Cooper Terry Allan McLean
- John William Lewis David Ronald MacDonald **Duncan Stuart Skinner** Chesley Roy Piercey Robert David Brethour John Wesley Trousdale Samuel Kalinowsky Victor Lepp William Arthur Atkinson Marvin John Salmi Gordon Lee Greasley Stephen Godfrey Wilfred Douglas Keam James Crawford Sutherland James Gerard Finch Jean Reed David Gareth Hooper Miles Rae Graham Alan Douglas Arbuckle

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David Allan Bennett
Allan John Leslie Hadley
William Anthony Davis
Jeffrey Ralph Dickson
John Edward Harrison
Karl Edmond Springer
John Gray Teleske
Thomas Arthur Wills

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# John Ross Matheson Recipients Since Inception 2000

2000         Samuel Gilmore, 33°         Toronto           †         Leslie R. Peterson, 33°         Fraser Valley           2001         James G. Thompson, 32°         London           2002         †         Lee S. Donahue, 33°         Montreal           2003         †         Robert C. MacFarlane, 32°         Sarnia           2004         †         E. Peter Lougheed, 14°         Calgary           †         Stephan Ramsankar, 32°         Edmonton           T. Frederick Kingsmill, 33°         London           2005         †         George J. Bradshaw, 33°         Toronto           †         Maurice Y. Snook, 33°         Windsor           2006         James A. Dewolfe, 32°         Moncton           †         George M. Calder, 33°         Hamilton           2007         Gerald M. Greenslade, 33°         St. John's           †         Wm. Calvert Fisher, 33°         Toronto           2008         Herbert J. Belcourt           2009         Douglas R. Banks, 33°         London           Richard M. Stokes, 32°         Niagara           2010         †         Clifford M. Tootell, 33°         Hamilton           Earl L. Banks, 33°         Halifax           2011	YEAR		RECIPIENT	VALLEY
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# Membership ~ Annual Returns

# **Lodge of Perfection**

Province	City	Name	Y/E '14	Discp	Admitted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Left	Susp'd	Y/E '15	Chg
AB	Calgary	Calgary	233	0	9	0	0	7	16	12	207	-26
L of Perf	Lacombe	Central Alberta	51	0	5	0	2	7	2	1	48	-3
	Edmonton	Edmonton	427	0	10	1	1	11	13	0	415	-12
	Lethbridge	Lethbridge	60	1	1	0	0	4	2	7	49	-11
	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat	31	-2	0	1	0	2	2	1	25	-6
	5	Total	802	-1	25	2	3	31	35	21	744	-58
BC	Campbell River	Strathcona	67	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	66	-1
L of Perf	Castlegar/Nelson	Kootenay-Boundary	42	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	1
	Langley	Fraser Valley	121	0	9	0	0	1	5	3	121	0
	Kamloops	Thompson Valley	70	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	69	-1
	Nanaimo	Colville	113	0	5	1	0	4	2	0	113	0
	Prince George	Cariboo	63	0	3	1	0	1	0	4	62	-1
	Prince Rupert	Skeena Valley	23	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	-2
	Vancouver	Vancouver	261	-29	9	0	0	12	23	6	200	-61
	Vernon	Okanagan	137	0	6	1	0	3	8	2	131	-6
	Victoria	Victoria	220	0	11	1	1	6	3	6	218	-2
	10	Total	1,117	-31	49	4	1	31	44	21	1,044	-73
MB	Brandon	Brandon	49	0	2	0	0	1	2	4	44	-5
L of Perf	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	242	0	2	1	0	9	9	0	227	-15
	2	Total	291	0	4	1	0	10	11	4	271	-20
NB	Fredericton	Maxwell	106	0	4	1	0	1	2	0	108	2
L of Perf	Moncton	Moncton	202	0	5	0	0	7	7	0	193	-9
	Saint John	Saint John	137	0	0	0	1	5	3	5	125	-12
	3	Total	445	0	9	1	1	13	12	5	426	-19
NL	St. John's	Centennial	80	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	88	8
L of Perf	1	Total	80	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	88	8
NS	Halifax	Victoria	308	1	10	0	4	12	11	3	297	-11
L of Perf	Sydney	Cape Breton	152	0	6	0	0	11	4	0	143	-9
Lorrar	2	Total	460	1	16	0	4	23	15	3	440	-20
ON	Barrie	Barrie	1,448	-71	19	0	0	34	0	1	1,361	-87
L of Perf	Chatham	Chatham	178	0	3	0	0	13	7	4	157	-21
Lorrar	Guelph	Royal City	436	-6	2	0	0	12	4	0	416	-20
	Hamilton	Murton	1,441	0	30	0	0	53	8	5	1,405	-36
	Kingston	Kingston	199	0	7	0	0	5	2	3	196	-3
	London	London	1,140	0	4	0	0	41	0	0	1,103	-37
	Niagara Falls	Elgin	423	0	10	0	0	14	2	4	413	-10
	North Bay	North Bay	568	0	2	0	0	7	1	0	562	-6
	Ottawa	Ottawa	405	0	6	0	0	31	10	2	368	-37
	Peterborough	Peterborough	722	0	21	1	0	38	2	17	687	-35
	Sarnia	Samia	216	0	6	0	0	6	12	0	204	-12
	Sault Ste Marie	Sault Ste Marie	136	1	5	0	0	4	3	2	133	-12
	Sudbury	Sudbury & District	277	0	4	0	0	11	0	0	270	-5 -7
	Thunder Bay	Superior Superior	215	0	4	0	0	10	9	0	200	-15
	-	Toronto Grand	1,969	-18	53	0	0	43	2	0	1,959	-10
	Toronto Windsor	Windsor	423	-19	4	0	0	14	1	6	387	-36
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	Woodstock	Woodstock	334	_				12			325	
DE	17	Total	10,530	-113	184	3	0	348	66	44	10,146	-384
PE L of Dorf	Summerside	Albert Edward	66	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	67	1
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QC L of Dorf	Montreal	Hochelaga	263	0	21	0	0	3	4	0	277	14
L of Perf	Montreal	Fleur de Lys	154	0	20	1	0	2	11	34	128	-26
	Quebec	Quebec	61	-1	0	0	0	2	2	1	55	-6
Olf	3 Danisa	Total	478	-1	41	1	0	7	17	35	460	-18
SK	Regina	Regina	300	3	12	0	2	19	2	1	295	-5
L of Perf	Cookotoon	Saskatoon	151	0	5	0	1	6	6	3	142	-9
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# **Chapter of Rose Croix**

Province	City	Name	Y/E '14	Discp	Admitted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Left	Susp'd	Y/E '15	Chg
AB	Calgary	Delta	222	0	0	0	0	7	16	11	188	-34
Chap RC	Edmonton	Mizpah	450	0	10	0	1	14	13	0	434	-16
	Lethbridge	Chinook	83	-3	1	0	0	4	2	7	68	-15
	3	Total	755	-3	11	0	1	25	31	18	690	-65
BC	Castlegar/Nelson	Kokanee	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0
Chap RC	Langley	Fraser Valley	117	0	0	0	0	1	5	4	107	-10
	Kamloops	Thompson	57	3	8	0	0	2	1	0	65	8
	Prince George	New Caledonia	57	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	53	-4
	Vancouv er	Vancouver	269	-52	8	0	0	12	21	6	186	-83
	Vernon	Moray	128	0	3	1	0	3	7	1	121	-7
	Victoria	Victoria	334	0	16	0	1	11	5	7	328	-6
	7	Total	996	-49	35	2	1	30	39	22	894	-102
MB	Brandon	Brandon	47	0	2	0	0	1	2	4	42	-5
Chap RC	Winnipeg	Bethesda	212	0	26	1	0	9	9	0	221	9
•	2	Total	259	0	28	1	0	10	11	4	263	4
NB	Fredericton	King Solomon	87	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	86	-1
Chap RC	Moncton	Britton	135	0	3	0	0	7	7	0	124	-11
	Saint John	Harington	130	0	2	0	1	8	4	6	115	-15
	3	Total	352	0	6	1	1	16	13	6	325	-27
NL	St. John's	Macgillivray	73	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	74	1
Chap RC	1	Total	73	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	74	1
NS NS	Halifax	Keith Sovereign	317	-11	10	0	4	12	11	3	294	-23
Chap RC	Sydney	Isle Royale	131	0	5	0	0	11	4	0	121	-10
Onap ito	2	Total	448	-11	15	0	4	23	15	3	415	-33
ON	Barrie	Spry	1,336	-50	13	1	0	33	0	0	1,267	-69
Chap RC	Chatham	Kent	166	0	1	0	0	12	6	3	146	-20
Chap ICC	Guelph	Guelph	457	-21	0	0	0	11	4	0	421	-36
	Hamilton		1,146	0	25	0	0	42	5	4	1,120	-26
		Hamilton Sovereign	168	0	7	0	0	5	1	2	167	-20 -1
	Kingston	Rose of Sharon		-	4	_	0	_		0		-39
	London	London Sovereign	1,195	0		0	0	13	0	-	1,156 364	-39 -13
	Niagara Falls	Niagara	377	0	6	0	-		2	4		
	North Bay	North Bay	692	0	4	0	0	9	1	0	686	-6
	Ottawa	Murray	378	0	12	0	0	31	10	1	348	-30 -38
	Peterborough	Peterborough	713	0	17	0	0	38	1	16	675	
	Sault Ste Marie	Sault Ste Marie	135	-3	2	0	0	4	3	2	125	-10
	Thunder Bay	Nanna Bijou	196	0	4	0	0	9	9	0	182	-14
	Toronto	Toronto Sovereign	1,695	-81	54	0	0	38	1	0	1,629	-66
	Windsor	Windsor	375	-11	4	0	0	14	1	4	349	-26
	Woodstock	Centennial	275	0	2	1	0	10	2	0	266	-9
	15	Total	9,304	-166	155	2	0	312	46	36	8,901	-403
PE	Summerside	St. Lawrence	61	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	62	1
Chap RC	1	Total	61	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	62	1
QC	Montreal	Hochelaga Sov.	236	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	230	-6
Chap RC	Montreal	Du Mont Real	81	0	17	0	0	0	4	20	74	-7
	Quebec	Quebec	52	0	5	0	0	2	2	1	52	0
	3	Total	369	0	22	0	0	5	9	21	356	-13
SK	Regina	Regina	282	3	5	0	2	18	2	0	272	-10
Chap RC	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	144	0	5	0	1	5	6	3	136	-8
	2	Total	426	3	10	0	3	23	8	3	408	-18
	39	Grand Total	13,043	-225	284	6	12	446	173	113	12,388	-655

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Province	City	Name	Y/E '14	Discp	Admitted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Left	Susp'd	Y/E '15	Chg
AB	Calgary	Southalta	285	0	0	0	0	11	15	14	245	-40
Consistory	Edmonton	Alberta	440	0	9	0	1	14	12	0	424	-16
	2	Total	725	0	9	0	1	25	27	14	669	-56
BC	Vancouv er	British Columbia	522	-75	19	0	0	26	36	11	393	-129
Consistory	Vernon	Morning Star	117	0	0	1	1	2	6	0	111	-6
	Victoria	Vancouver Island	311	0	11	0	1	11	4	5	303	-8
	2	Total	950	-75	30	1	2	39	46	16	807	-143
MB	Brandon	Brandon	46	2	0	0	0	1	2	3	42	-4
Consistory	Winnipeg	Manitoba Sovereign	207	0	27	0	0	9	9	0	216	9
	2	Total	253	2	27	0	0	10	11	3	258	5
NB	Saint John	NB Sovereign	347	0	5	0	2	11	13	11	319	-28
Consistory	1	Total	347	0	5	0	2	11	13	11	319	-28
NL	St. John's	Nfld & Lab	64	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	69	5
Consistory	1	Total	64	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	69	5
NS/PE	Halifax	NS Sovereign	438	-21	14	0	6	19	13	3	402	-36
Consistory	1	Total	438	-21	14	0	6	19	13	3	402	-36
ON	Barrie	Barrie	1,586	-87	20	1	0	35	1	0	1,484	-102
Consistory	Hamilton	Moore Sovereign	6,178	0	120	0	2	329	48	25	5,898	-280
	Ottawa	Ottawa	458	0	12	0	0	31	5	1	433	-25
	Thunder Bay	North Star	196	0	3	0	0	9	7	0	183	-13
	4	Total	8,418	-87	155	1	2	404	61	26	7,998	-420
QC	Montreal	Montreal Sov.	264	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	258	-6
Consistory	Montreal	Phénix	48	0	20	0	0	0	3	13	52	4
	2	Total	312	0	20	0	0	3	6	13	310	-2
SK	Regina	Saskatchewan	268	2	5	0	2	17	1	0	259	-9
Consistory	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	139	0	4	0	1	5	6	3	130	-9
	2	Total	407	2	9	0	3	22	7	3	389	-18
	17	Grand Total	11,914	-179	274	2	16	533	184	89	11,221	-693

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	Sovereign Grand Commander	Lieutenant Grand Commander	Grand Chancellor	Grand Secretary- General	Grand Treasurer- General
1891	11	ıı .	11	II .	11
1892	John W. Murton	Isaac H. Sterns	н	II .	п
1893	н	п	н	II .	п
1894	II .	п	п	II .	II
1895	II .	II .	н	II .	н
1896	II .	II .	н	II .	н
1897	John W. Murton	Isaac H. Sterns	Hon. John M. Gibson	Hugh Murray	Hugh A. McKay
1898	Isaac H. Stearns	Hon. John M. Gibson	William H. Thorne	ı,	II .
1899	II .	ıı	п	n	II
1900	II	ıı .	"	"	II .
1901	Ħ	II .	11	п	11
1902	н	II .	11	II .	п
1903	п	II .	п	II .	п
1904	Hon. John M. Gibson	William H. Thorne	Hugh Murray	William H. Ballard	п
1905	и	u	"	ű	и
1906	и	и	и	ű	и
1907	и	ű	и	u	и
1908	и	ű	Benjamin Tooke	u	и
1909	и	ű	"	u	и
1910	и	и	Benjamin Allen	ű	и
1911	n	ıı	"	n	II .
1912	и	и	и	и	и
1913	Benjamin Allen	Benjamin Tooke	Daniel F. MacWatt	II .	Elias T. Malone
1914	"	"	"	II .	"
1915	II .	ıı .	11	II .	11
1916	II .	John Alex Cameron	11	II .	п
1917	п	"	11	II .	11
1918	п	ıı .	11	II .	11
1919	John Alex Cameron	Daniel F. MacWatt	Alex McDougall	II .	11
1920	"	Hugh A. MacKay	"	II .	11
1921	н	" "	11	II .	II .
1922	Sir John M. Gibson	Alfred F. Webster	II .	II .	п
1923	John Alex Cameron	"	11	II .	11
1924	"	ıı .	II .	ıı .	п
1925	Alfred F. Webster	Fred J. Howell	A. B. Wood	II .	п
1926	"	"	Alec F. C. Ross	ű	Hugh A. MacKay
1927	ıı .	ш	MICC 1 . C. 11033	ıı .	"
1928	и	ű	и	ű	и
1929	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	"	п	ıı .	"
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1930	"			"	
1931	"			"	
1932	"	"	"	"	"
1933			"		
1934	William H. Wardrope	John A. Rowland	"	W. H. Davis	John A. Rowland
1935					
1936	"		"	"	"
1937	"	"	II .	II	"

	Sovereign Grand Commander	Lieutenant Grand Commander	Grand Chancellor	Grand Secretary- <u>General</u>	Grand Treasurer- <u>General</u>
1938	II .	11	п	11	Charles S. Hamilton
1939	п	п	п	п	II .
1940	John A. Rowland	Alec F. C. Ross	James H. Winfield	James A. Henderson	II .
1941	п	II	п	п	п
1942	Douglas C. Mcllwraith	George H. Ross	п	н	II .
1943	James H. Winfield (Hnr)	II .	William J. Major	и	"
1943	Douglas C. Mcllwraith	George H. Ross	William J. Major	James A. Henderson	Charles S. Hamilton
1944	11	II .	п	Stuart H. Lees	II .
1945	и	George H. Ross	и	и	u
1946	II .	ıı .	O. E. Stanton	n	"
1947	II .	II	ıı .	"	"
1948	George H. Ross	Douglas Fraser	ıı .	"	"
1949	ıı .	"	Arthur Cross	11	II .
1950	Douglas Fraser	Stuart H. Lees	п	Ernest B. Thompson	п
1951	"	II.	п	п	п
1952	Stuart H. Lees (Hnr)	Thomas K. Wade	п	п	п
1952	Clarence, M. Pitts	ıı .	п	п	п
1953	и	и	и	и	и
1954	II .	II .	п	н	н
1955	Thomas K. Wade	James A. Simpson	п	н	ıı .
1956	"	u	и	и	u
1957	п	н	п	n .	ıı .
1958	James A. Simpson	R. Coulton Berkinshaw	п	II .	ıı .
1959	"	"	u	Charles H. Cunningham	u
1960	u	и	u	"	John I. Rumball
1961	R. Coulton Berkinshaw	Howard B. Moore	James Mc. L. Marshall	11	"
1962	"	"	"	II .	п
1963	п	II .	п	ıı .	Thomas K. Wade
1964	George C. Derby	Charles H. Cunningham	ű	Wilbert G. Welby	"
1965	"	"	н	"	Donald M. Fleming
1966	п	11	п	11	"
	Charles H. Cunningham	Donald M. Fleming	п	ıı .	Howard B. Moore
1968	"	Donald L. Witter	Arthur L. Scace	ıı .	" "
1969	Donald L. Witter (Act)	Donaid L. Witter	"	п	
1970	Howard B. Moore (Hnr)	II II	п	II .	II .
1970	Donald L. Witter	Harvey R. Doane	п	ıı .	п
1970	"	"	п	п	п
1971	11	n	J. Palmer Kent	n	II .
1973	Harvey R. Doane	Walter C. MacDonald	J. Herbert Forbes	и	ű
	" " " " "	"	J. Helbert Foldes	n n	"
1974	"	"			"
1975					
1976	Walter C. McDonald	Walter H. Mortlock	Gordon L. Bennett	Wilfred N. Paterson	Richard J. Lord
1977	"	"	"	laba V. Lawar	"
1978			u u	John V. Lawer	"
1979	Walter H. Mortlock	Lyle H. Bergstrom	u	и	" "
1980					
1981	ıı .	"	ıı .	II .	"

	Sovereign Grand Commander	Lieutenant Grand Commander	Grand Chancellor	Grand Secretary- <u>General</u>	Grand Treasurer- <u>General</u>
1982	Lyle H. Bergstrom	Gordon L. Bennett	Kempton Keeble	John C. Allan	Howard A. Cox
1983	11	II .	II	II .	II .
1984	н	п	Robert G. Luftus	п	II .
1985	Gordon L. Bennett	John A. Bourne	н	John W. Lowry	II .
1986	II .	п	George C. Schaef	п	John C. Allan
1987	II .	п	Ш	п	II .
1988	John A. Bourne	John V. Lawer	George C. Schaef	John I. Carrick	John C. Allan
1989	н	II .	п	п	II .
1990	н	II .	W. Robertson Carvath	п	II .
1991	John V. Lawer	Harold E. Crosby	II .	II .	J. Newcombe Fenton
1992	н	"	п	п	II .
1993	н	II .	п	п	II .
1994	Harold E. Crosby	Glenn M. Martin	II .	II .	II .
1995	n .	ıı	II	Robert G. Wands	II .
1996	II .	ıı	II	11	II .
1997	Glenn M. Martin	Norman E. Byrne	Donald W. Dixon	п	H. Edward Standish
1998	II .	"	II .	II .	II .
1999	II .	ıı .	II .	II .	II .
2000	Norman E. Byrne	Orlan J. Weber	II .	Donald D. Thornton	II .
2001	11	II .	11	п	II .
2002	II .	ıı .	Allard B. Loopstra	II .	II .
2003	Orlan J. Weber	C. Robert Townshend	"	H. Edward Standish	Thomas E. Lewis
2004	и	ű	ű	и	ш
2005	и	ű	ű	и	ш
2006	C. Robert Townshend	Matthew F. Todd	ű	и	и
2007	и	ű	ű	Donald N. Campbell	ш
2008	и	ű	ű	ű	ш
2009	Matthew F. Todd	Richard A. H. Brown	и	Terry A. McLean	и
2010	и	ű	и	ű	и
2011	и	ű	и	и	и
2012	Richard A. H. Brown	Terry A. McLean	и	Brian W. Gilkinson	ш
2013	n	"	и	и	и
2014	n	и	и	и	и
2015	Terry A. McLean	Robert S. Whitmore	п	п	п
2016	"	"	и	Robert Brethour	и

# 142nd Annual Session Supreme Council

The Formal Opening and the Conferral of the Degree of Honorary Inspectors-General were held in the Bowering 1 Room in the St. John's Convention Centre.

### Thursday, September 15, 2016 Parts and Personnel for 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander	Terry A. McLean
Lieutenant Grand Commander	Robert S. Whitmore
Grand Chancellor	Allard B. Loopstra
Grand Prior	Michael D. H. Farr
Grand Master of Ceremonies	Kenneth D. McComb
Grand Marshal	Robert D. Brethour
Grand Standard Bearer	John W. Trousdale
Grand Captain of the Guard	W. Douglas Keam
Grand Sword Bearer	William A. Atkinson
Director of the Degree	Steven E. Warren
Melancholy Ivy	Chesley R. Piercey
Crown of Oak Leaves	Jean Reed
Wreath of Laurel	John W. Trousdale
Charge following Circuits	William C. Fitzsimmons
The Bitter Cup	Stephen Godfrey
Ducal Coronet	James C. Sutherland
Address before Obligation	Robert D. Brethour
Inquiry as to Religion	Brian W. Gilkinson
Q – What is your religion?Dav	vid G. Hooper, Jeffrey R. Dickson
Alan D. Arbuckle, Allan J. L. Hadley, D.	avid A. Bennett, Karl E. Springer
Obligation	Terry A. McLean
Banner of the Order	Miles R. Graham
Flag of the Country	James G. Finch
Investing with Coronet	Loren W. Kline
Presentation of Sword, etc.	Gareth R. Taylor
Words, Sign and Battery	William A. Atkinson
Proclamation	Robert D. Brethour
Concluding Lecture	Allard B. Loopstra
Welcome and Acclaim	•
Representative Candidate	D. Paul H. Miller

### Thursday, September 15, 2016 Candidates For 33°

### ALBERTA AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

**Caldwell**, Steven Stewart (Marion Andreas); Valley of Edmonton; Born 7/10/1960; Residence - 11603 Edinboro Rd., Edmonton, AB, T8G 1Z7; Physician; WM, DDGM, C-in-C

**Dixon**, Grant William (Coleen Edwards); Valley of Central Alberta; Born 5/1/1955; Residence - 137 Lamont Close, Red Deer, AB, T4R 2R6; Pharmacist; WM, DDGM, TPGM, SGW

**Hochman**, David Charles; Valley of Calgary; Born 12/20/1958; Residence - # 1311, 6224 - 17 Ave. SE, Calgary, AB, T2A 7X8; Small Business Owner; WM, DDGM, TPGM, CIC

### **BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON**

**Blaker**, Randy William (Sheryl); Valley of Vernon; Born 5/2/1951; Residence - 5908 Highway # 6, Vernon, BC, V1B 3C8; Retired - Sales Manager, Finning Tractor; WM, MWS, TPGM

**Broadberry**, Jonathan Hugh; Valley of Kamloops; Born 10/10/1943; Residence - 855 Orcrest Dr., Kamloops, BC, V2B 6T3; Retired - School Teacher; WM, DDGM, TPGM

**Storrie**, David Scott (Marlene); Valley of Campbell River; Born 10/23/1947; Residence - 366 Simms Rd., Campbell River, BC, V9W 1P2; Financial Advisor; WM, TPGM

### MANITOBA AND NUNAVUT TERRITORY

**Gross**, Bernard (Carole Solmundson); Valley of Winnipeg; Born 9/17/1939; Residence - 11 Rosewood Place, Winnipeg, MB, R2H 1M5; Retired - Post secondary education; GH, GDC, WM, GT, TPGM

### **NEW BRUNSWICK**

**Munn**, Darrell Alexander (Phyllis Kerr); Valley of Fredericton; Born 8/6/1944; Residence - P.O. Box 432, Boiestown, NB, E6A 2A2; Retired - Military; WM, DDGM, MWS, 1st LC

NOVA SCOTIA, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Fraser, David Oran (Susanne MacLochlon); Valley of Halifax; Born 11/15/1944; Residence 380 Highway 214, Elmsdale, NS, B2S 2L7; Airfield Supervisor; PM, DDGM

#### **ONTARIO**

**Adam**, Michael Taylor (Liz); Valley of Sarnia; Born 12/13/1945; Residence - 1336 Ridgewood Dr., Sarnia, ON, N7V 3R3; Retired - Construction Manager; WM, TPGM

**Allan**, Frederick John (Sheila); Valley of Hamilton; Born 8/27/1931; Residence - 17 Ramsgate Dr., Stoney Creek, ON, L8G 3V4; Retired - Television Broadcaster; WM

**Blake**, Dennis Raymond (Sheila); Valley of Toronto; Born 2/1/1952; Residence - 3 - 2707 Lakeshore Blvd. W., Toronto, ON, M8V 1G6; Retired - Owner Renovation's Co.; WM, DDGM

**Campbell**, Robert Bruce; Valley of North Bay; Born 3/29/1943; Residence - P.O. Box 764, Powassan, ON, P0H 1Z0; Retired - Canadian Navy; MWS, TPGM, MWS

**Charles**, Raymond (Margaret); Valley of London; Born 4/8/1949; Residence - 170 Nicholas Cres., London, ON, N6E 2E9; Retired - Steamfitter; WM, DDGM

**Cobanov**, Milan (Miljana Ristic); Valley of Toronto; Born 8/25/1979; Residence - # 704 - 284 Bloor St. W., Toronto, ON, M5S 3B8; President, Mindpress; WM, PM,

**Cumming**, John Alexander (Helen); Valley of Guelph; Born 2/21/1941; Residence - RR 2, Dobbinton, ON, N0H 1L0; Farmer, Insurance Adjuster; WM, GS,

**Dawe**, David Douglas (Caroline); Valley of Sault Ste Marie; Born 5/5/1950; Residence - 38 Chartewell Dr., Sault Ste. Marie, ON, P6A 6A2; Retired - Emergency Services; WM

**Dennis**, Michael Glen (Gail); Valley of Sarnia; Born 6/26/1945; Residence - 6881 Dalrymple St., Camlachie, ON, NON 1E0; Retired - Shipping Operator; WM

**Harris**, Ivan Merl (Betty); Valley of Ottawa; Born 3/10/1949; Residence - 24 Elderwood Trail, Ottawa, ON, K2S 1C9; Project Manager Computer Systems; WM, IPM, TPGM

**Horne**, McAllister (Kim); Valley of Niagara; Born 12/13/1938; Residence - 56 Port Master Dr., St. Catharines, ON, L2N 7H7; Retired - Marine Engineer; WM, MWS

**Johnson**, Eric Norman (Lois); Valley of Thunder Bay; Born 4/17/1943; Residence - 339 Bolton Cres., Thunder Bay, ON, P7C 1S5; Military; WM, DDGM

**Laliberte**, Donald Kenneth (Sharon); Valley of Hamilton; Born 12/14/1959; Residence - 9 Graham Ave. S., Hamilton, ON, L8K 2M3; Head of Special Investigations; DDGM,

**Liukko**, Paavo Eric (Monique); Valley of Sudbury; Born 4/1/1945; Residence - 76 Berley Court, Sudbury, ON, P3A 4B4; Retired - Business Operator; WM, TPGM

**MacPherson**, John Lando (Elaine McCormick); Valley of Hamilton; Born 10/27/1948; Residence - 15 Spruceside Ave., Hamilton, ON, L8P 3Y2; Retired - Manufacturing Management; MWS, DDGM,

**McGuire**, Donald Ross (Lorraine); Valley of Chatham; Born 5/13/1935; Residence - 13620 Longwoods Rd. - RR 5, Thamesville, ON, N0P 2K0; Retired - OPP Sergeant; DDGM, TPGM

**Olley**, Gregory Edward (Ruth); Valley of Toronto; Born 5/4/1950; Residence - 71 The Cove Rd., Newcastle, ON, I1B 1B6; Retired - Pressroom Supervisor; WM, TPGM

**Pedler**, David Harold (Linda Clayborne); Valley of Hamilton; Born 7/5/1943; Residence - 195 Paling Ave., Hamilton, ON, L8H 5J6; Retired - Otis Elevator; WM, DDGM

**Richardson**, Frank (Linda); Valley of Barrie; Born 3/15/1947; Residence - 6 Freeland Dr., Gravenhurst, ON, P1P 1Z6; Retired - Stationary Engineer; DDGM, PM

**Stamboulian**, Libarid (Silva); Valley of Windsor; Born 3/1/1951; Residence - 529 Farrell Ave., LaSalle, ON, N9J 3P6; Tool Maker Machinist; MWS

**Stewart**, Ronald Gary (Joanne); Valley of Guelph; Born 8/12/1948; Residence - 2001 Snyder's Rd. E. - RR 2, Petersburg, ON, N0B 2H0; Retired - Secondary School Teacher; WM

**Taylor**, Ronald John (Lorraine); Valley of Ottawa; Born 4/11/1956; Residence - 13 Glenmanor Dr., Nepean, ON, K2G 3E8; Infrastructure Specialist IV; WM, TPGM

**Thompson**, John Franklin (Arlene); Valley of Barrie; Born 8/7/1955; Residence - Box 956 - 227 Dominion Dr., Stayner, ON, L0M 1S0; Professional Engineer; DDGM, TPGM

**Webster**, Robert Glen (Karen); Valley of Peterborough; Born 3/6/1953; Residence - 1781 Glenarm Rd. - RR 1, Cameron, ON, K0M 1G0; Retired - Supervisor; WM, TPGM, CIC

#### **QUEBEC**

**Oustwani**, Fayez (Nadine Behnam); Valley of Montreal; Born 12/14/1975; Residence - 42 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, QC, H9W 3Y9; Jeweller; WM, TPGM, C-in-C

### St. John's Valley Committee

General Chairman	Owen Devereaux, 33°
Deputy Chairman	Clayton Handrigan, 33°
Honorary Chairman	Gerald Greenslade, 33°
Secretary	James Rowsell, 33°
Treasurer	
Banquet Chairman	Lester Bowering, 32°
Sessions Chairman	Clayton Handrigan, 33°
Ladies Programme Chair	Rosalind Devereaux
Registration Chairman	Gerald Budden, 33°
Transportation Chairman	John Mercer, 32°
Vesper Service Chairman	
Special Thanks to:	
Host Committee	Paul Miller, 33°

### General Comments on the 2016 Annual Session

The 142nd Annual Session of Supreme Council was held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. The Chairman of the host committee was III. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33°, an experienced Mason with many presiding officer roles to enable his guidance of the committee. His lady Rosalind was the capable director of the Ladies' Programme. Both were ably assisted by a dedicated group of volunteers. It is a testament to the strong bonds of friendship existing within Freemasonry in Newfoundland and Labrador that Scottish Rite Masons were assisted where necessary by brethren from craft lodges and from the York Rite in providing excellent support to the work of Supreme Council and to the ladies attending the Session. The host committee worked diligently from an early stage to ensure its success. The Valley of St. John's is a small Valley. It took the combined efforts of many brethren to execute the plans that resulted in a session enjoyed immensely by all 418 who attended.

The ability of the host committee cadre to work together without a clash of egos was appreciated given the host chairman's observations of the Irish background of some members. The same approach was taken regarding the guidance offered by Supreme Council in the years, months and days leading up to the session. Good natured discipline and principled action was evident throughout. It commenced with an observance of the 100th Anniversary of the July 1, 1916 battle of Beaumont- Hamel by members from the local Valley and some members of Supreme Council, including our Sovereign Grand Commander. Eight hundred and one men of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment were sent into battle. Only sixty-nine were able to answer roll call the morning of the second day. Hundreds died, were wounded or were missing in action and presumed dead. The willingness to sacrifice to meet obligations was never more evident.

The host committee acted on every request made before and during session week, sometimes at the last minute and always with a smile. "No problem is too big or too small" was its motto for the week.

This Annual Session was characterized by the efficient conduct of business in the committee meetings, Executive Sessions and General Sessions. It also was evident in the conduct of Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation banquet and the Sovereign Grand Commander's banquet.

Attendees spoke of the need to shorten the length of these banquets and both the President of the Foundation, III. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33° and SGC, III. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33° reacted.

The Wednesday night Get Acquainted event was well attended. It featured a silent auction, an early taste of Newfoundland culture and an opportunity to receive quick service and good conversation with friends and candidates.

Thursday afternoon saw the only moisture of the week. It was only a mist experienced as people exited George Street United Church, site of the Vesper Service. The Reverend F. John Adams, himself a Mason, welcomed brethren and ladies warmly and ably assisted our Grand Prior in the conduct of the service. III. Bro. The Reverend Canon Michael D.H. Farr, 33° provided a message, based on the story of David and Goliath, in conquering the giants in our lives fearlessly.

The conferral of the thirty-third degree on thirty-five deserving candidates followed the Vesper Service. It was a degree that was executed well and again concluded with an impactful lecture by III. Bro. Allard Loopstra, 33°, Grand Chancellor.

The Foundation banquet on Thursday evening featured remarks from the Honourable Paul Davis, Leader of the Provincial Opposition. He spoke on the personal connections to Freemasonry in his family and the high regard with which the values epitomized by it are held, not only by those family members but by himself, having been raised to respect and abide by them.

Guests of our Scottish Rite were received warmly by our Sovereign Grand Commander on Friday morning with Most Worshipful Bro. Larry B. Grandy, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador and Brother W. Scott Bartlett, District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador, Grand Lodge of Scotland bringing greetings. Other guests included, from the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., III. Bro. William B. Brunk, 33° Grand Minister of State and SGIG in North Carolina, III. Bro. Charles V. Sederstrom, 33° Grand Treasurer and SGIG in Nebraska and III. Bro. Joe R. Manning, Jr., 33°, Grand Prior and SGIG in Oklahoma, Grand Representative of this Supreme Council near the United States, Southern Jurisdiction, III. Bro. Gail N. Kemp, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander, Northern Jurisdiction U.S.A., and representatives of several concordant and fraternal bodies. III. Bro. Brunk and III. Bro. Kemp brought greetings from their Scottish Rites. Most III. Knight Companion, Thomas A. Mortlock, 33°, Grand Sovereign of the Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, brought greetings on behalf of all concordant and fraternal bodies represented. III. Bro. Warren Dinham, 32° spoke on behalf of all constituent bodies comprising the Valley of St. John's.

Notwithstanding an ambitious agenda, the business of the General Session on Friday morning was concluded in plenty of time to allow most of the attendees a full afternoon of free time. Others joined the newly made Honorary Inspectors-General for the second successive Orientation Session at an Annual Session. The information provided these brethren was comprehensive and provided a good review of the work of various Supreme Council committees and the office but also a clear statement of the expectations and responsibilities of the office into which, by the conferral of the degree, they have been installed.

A feature of the Sovereign Grand Commander's banquet were the remarks of III. Bro. Fayez Oustwani, 33° on behalf of his fellow recipients of the 33rd degree. His remarks were excellent and contained references to the Masons in his family, some still in his birthplace of Damascus, Syria and to the burial place of St. John, just a short distance from his family home there. His

enthusiasm for Freemasonry and the experience of the degree conferral was evident to all-may it be contagious.

The Saturday morning Executive session saw III. Bro. John Teleske, 33° and III. Bro. Tom Wills, 33° become Active Members of Supreme Council. The General Session saw the investiture of III. Bro. William Atkinson, 33° (Deputy for Ontario), III. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33° (Deputy for Ontario), III. Bro. Robert Brethour, 33° (Grand Secretary-General), III. Bro. Jeffrey Dickson, 33° (Grand Marshal), and III. Bro. Karl Springer, 33° (Grand Sword Bearer). As usual, past and named recipients of the John Ross Matheson Award were invited to seats of honour in the East. They included III. Bro. Ken Veitch, 33°, III. Bro. Gordon Curl, 33° and III. Bro. Gerald Budden, 33°, who will receive the award during the Sovereign Grand Commander's Official Visit to the Valley of St. John's in October. III. Bro. Morley Robinson, 32°, will receive the award during the same month on the Sovereign Grand Commander's Official Visit to the Valley of Halifax.

Comparisons between Annual Sessions should not be made. All are executed well, all see the conduct of the business completed and all attendees enjoy good fellowship. By these measures all Annual Sessions are successful. That said, this Annual Session stood out due to an unfair advantage. Nowhere else can one find the culture that is unique to Newfoundland and Labrador. It is also one of the most picturesque places on Earth. Its people have an uncanny ability to make you feel as welcome as old friends whether or not you have ever been to The Rock. Humour and musical talent seem to be part of the DNA of its people. I have never listened to more attendees speak of their vacation experiences leading up to an Annual Session. All spoke of their experience in a most positive manner.

While it seems incongruous that Signal Hill, representing a milestone in communication achievement, could exist in a place where communication is anything but clear when locals turn on that famous accent, that accent itself is a message of warmth that illustrates to all that brotherhood is definitely not a concept to be confined to a lodge room.

To those that organized the Kitchen Party send off, thank you. To Owen, Ros and June who practiced standup comedy of the highest caliber, most of it being a continuous stream of unrehearsed consciousness, thank you. To Jim and Clayton who rivalled the twelve member entertainment group in talent, thank you. To those I have missed, thank you. To Corky the Cod, you were the only stinker in the bunch!